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Ray Wolfe (right), chairman of the board of The CJN, has announced staff changes involving (from left) Gary Laforet, Maurice Lucow and (seated) Patricia Rucker. [Graphic Artists photo]

Patricia Rucker named new editor

Changing of guard at CJN

TORONTO —

After more than nine years as editor of The Canadian Jewish News, Maurice Lucow is transferring to the West Coast to develop broader coverage for the paper in British Columbia and Alberta.

As a result of this move, Gary Laforet, who has been business manager of The CJN for 10 years, becomes general manager and Patricia Rucker, who left the editorial department of the paper three years ago to work for the provincial government, rejoins the staff to be editor.

The changes, announced this week by CJN chairman of the board Ray Wolfe, will be effective with the June 8 issue.

A native of Windsor, Ont., Patricia Rucker, the new editor, began working for The CJN in 1972 as a freelance reporter, covering community news and Jewish education. After four years, and with a young and growing family to care for, she took time out.

In 1983, she resumed writing for The CJN as a staff reporter. As well as handling the assignments desk, she covered Soviet Jewry, the Deschenes Commission and Jewish education issues.

Her major political assignments included coverage of two Ontario Progressive Conservative leadership races and the 1985 Ontario election. During the 1984 federal election, she interviewed all three federal leaders.

Early in 1986, Rucker moved to Queen's Park, where she has been communications advisor to three Ontario cabinet ministers, including Minister of Citizenship Gerry Phillips and Mavis Wilson, minister for senior citizens affairs.

Her first government position was with then-Solicitor-General Ken Keyes. At one of their early meetings, she recalls, he had a copy of The CJN in his office — "with a front-page story on Sunday shopping."

How does she feel about returning to The CJN? "It's very exciting — former editor Ralph Hyman and Maurice Lucow have set very high standards of professionalism. Under Lucow's tenure, the

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Community rally to be held during Herzog state visit

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A community rally is being held in Toronto on Thursday, June 29 in honor of the state visit of Israeli President Chaim Herzog, the Canada-Israel Committee announced last week.

Herzog's arrival will mark the first ever state visit to Canada by an Israeli President.

During his expected 1-week stay, Herzog will address the Toronto Jewish community at the Sheraton Centre, a CIC news release stated.

The CIC speaks on behalf of the majority of the organized Canadian Jewish community on matters pertaining to Canadian-Israeli relations and policy.

Details of the President's itinerary have yet to be completed, said David Walzer, press and information officer at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa. However, he said Herzog will visit the Jewish communities in Ottawa and Montreal in addition to Toronto, and that a state reception by Governor General Jeanne Sauve will be held.

Interviews with the national media are also on the tentative agenda.

Walzer said plans are under way to arrange a meeting for Herzog with both Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark. The meeting, if it comes off, would combine a courtesy visit with an update on the situation in the Middle East in which the President will "try to bring them closer to the Israeli position."

Canada recently altered longstanding policy by upgrading contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization to the ministerial and senior diplomatic levels.

In recent weeks, Canada has stated it sees the Israeli proposal for election in the territories as "a small but significant step that could launch a political process," external affairs spokesman Anne Frenette told The CJN.

Right wing opposes Shamir election plan

By
CJN NEWS SERVICES

JERUSALEM—

Despite opposition from senior Likud ministers the Knesset last week approved the government's plan for Palestinian elections and self-rule.

The 43-15 vote in the 120-seat Knesset reflected the absence of many in Likud, including Ariel Sharon, chairman of the Herut Central Committee, Yitzhak Moda'i, leader of the Likud's Liberal Party wing and David Levy, the housing minister. They continued to oppose the plan despite attempts by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to placate their concerns.

In Washington, however, Secretary of State James Baker and other senior administration officials believe there is merit in Shamir's proposals for "free and democratic" Palestinian elections in the territories, Washington correspondent Wolf Blitzer reports. They are inclined to accept Shamir's repeated assurances that he is serious about pursuing the Arab-Israeli peace process.

For the time being, U.S. support for a full-scale international peace conference, as advocated by the Soviet Union, has been put on hold.

The arrival in Jerusalem last week of a high-level U.S. delegation was designed to underscore this positive assessment by the administration.

Dennis Ross, the head of the state department's policy planning staff and a key advisor to Baker, joined other U.S. officials in their continuing effort to refine and test the Shamir plan.

In addition to Israel, the Ross delegation included stopovers in Egypt and Jordan. Coming in the aftermath of Baker's talks in Moscow with top Soviet leaders, including Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the American officials also reported to Israeli and Arab policymakers on the outcome of those meetings.

But at this juncture, the

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U.S. backing two-track Arens proposals: Arens

WASHINGTON JTA —

Israel is receiving from the United States the "large measure" of understanding and support it needs for its peace initiative to succeed, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said last week.

"I think what is needed now is wholehearted and unreserved American support for this peace initiative," Arens told reporters at the state department after a 30-minute meeting with Secretary of State James Baker.

The foreign minister said full U.S. backing is the only way to win support from other countries and a positive reaction from the Arab countries.

Arens refused to go into any specifics of his meeting. He said he was not "pushed at all" by Baker on the details of the plan, which would have Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip elect representatives to negotiate a 5-year autonomy arrangement with Israel.

The Bush administration reportedly has been asking Israel whether Arabs in East Jerusalem would be allowed to take part in the elections and whether Israel would accept international supervision of them.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir has ruled out both proposals.

"I don't think we can be sidetracked at this time by this or that detail," Arens said.

He said the important think to focus on is the peace initiative.

Arens was also in Brussels this week to try and convince the foreign ministers of the European Community nations that the peace plan deserves their support.

According to Spanish diplomatic sources, the European Community might be willing to back the Israeli elections idea if it is a step toward a comprehensive solution of the Middle East conflict.

This seems to be in line with the American position.

The European Community, currently chaired by Spain, has consistently supported the idea of an international peace conference under UN auspices, in which all parties would participate, including the PLO.

But EC sources said nevertheless that "cautious diplomatic backing" could be given to Arens if Israel agrees to add two stipulations to its plan.

These are that Israel would allow international supervision of the elections and that it would permit Arab residents of East Jerusalem to vote and run in the elections.

It's a rare event — UN body lauds Israel

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Israel won rare praise from a United Nations body recently when the Egyptian executive director of the UN Environment Program (UNEP), in a report about the West Bank and Gaza Strip, found that "exceptional progress" had been made during the past 20 years, resulting in longer average life spans and reduced infant mortality.

Delegates from the 58 UNEP member states vote on the report at the organization's bi-annual conference in Nairobi and at the same time vote on whether to upgrade the PLO's "liberation-movement observer status" to that of full-nation status.

The report, which praised improved water quality and upgraded sewage and garbage disposal, was prepared after Arab states sponsored a proposal in 1987, angrily opposed by Israel at the time, to commission a special study on environmental affairs in the administered territories.

Dr. Mustafa Tolba, an Egyptian microbiologist, also noted in his report that the West Bank and Gaza Strip were among the only areas of the world in which the spread of desert had been halted during the past 20 years. The report found that the amount of fertile land in the territories had actually increased since 1969.

"We were surprised to discover that UNEP's executive director saw fit to publish a positive report on the environmental situation in the territories," Dr. Uri Marinov, the director-general of the Israeli environment ministry said. "The report still has to be debated and voted on at the UNEP plenum, but I cannot recall a single instance in the past when the governing council rejected a report prepared by its own executive director."

Marinov recalled that a UNEP envoy was sent to Israel and allowed to operate independently and that the research team sent to Israel also "went about drawing its own conclusions."

Foreign ministry spokesman Alon Liel said "the report's findings justify our original convictions that such a study was unnecessary, but the people who carried it out were professionals in their field, which helps explain why they reached the conclusions they did."

Early printing

Because of the Victoria Day Holiday on Monday, May 22, this issue of The CJN was printed earlier than usual. (We normally print on Mondays.)

As a result, we were unable to include the usual weekend budget of Israeli news which often includes stories of decisions of the Israel cabinet, which meets on Sundays.

However, we promise to keep close watch on the stories we didn't get in and will update them for the next issue.

World-National

Why don't we make aliya?

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The recent Solidarity Conference called by Prime Minister Shamir attracted many Jewish leaders from around the world. There is some debate over what the conference accomplished, or who was invited and who was not (and why not), but that is not the topic for today's column.

Rabbi Plaut

Rather, I want to bring you excerpts from two Israeli comments, written by respected journalists, Yosef Lapid of Ma'ariv and Ephraim Sidon of Yedi'ot Aharonot. They asked: **Why do these prominent Jews who came here continue to live in the Diaspora and not in Israel, where they would help us in a far more tangible way than they do now?** In raising this basic question they expressed the palpable frustration of many Israelis and they did so with heavy irony.

"They came to us (wrote Lapid) from the ghettos of Los Angeles, London, Sydney and Toronto in order to feel that they are not alone, that they belong to something more important and more worthy than the sound business they conduct. They are from the villas with the tennis courts, from the Chihuaha dogs and the chinchilla coats and from the tennis games they were not born to. They took a vacation of several days from the reserved manners of the goyim who show them such generous tolerance, but who despise their strange habits and long noses and mock their manicured wives, BMWs (which have replaced their Cadillacs) and the country clubs they build because they were not accepted in others.

Schizophrenic lives

"They are good and warm Jews, clever and successful. But they lead a schizophrenic existence. If they are such good Jews, then why are they there? . . . The tragedy is not occurring here but there. There is no threat of Jewish extinction here but there. Jews do not surrender their identities here but there.

"The time has come for a reverse conference . . . where we the people who live in Zion declare solidarity with the Jews of the Diaspora. We are free. We are poor, struggling and suffering, but free. They are not. 1,500 leaders of a people without a homeland came to the home of the people."

Sidon wrote in a similar vein. "So, the whole Jewish people is *behind* us . . . It has always been that way, throughout all our history: the Jews of the Diaspora were careful to leave open a wide space and remain a safe distance *behind*. Our forefathers went ahead to Eretz Yisrael, to build and be built by it — and they, our good brothers, stayed on in their natural place: *behind us*.

"But we already know that is better to have a distant brother than a close neighbor. This is especially so since our close neighbor throws stones and our distant brother throws declarations."

Quite obviously, both Lapid and Sidon were exasperated by the very fact that the prominent conference participants who came from afar and who, back in the Diaspora, command so much political clout and financial resources, do not seriously face the challenge of aliya. There are a lot of Israelis who say that a mere 1,000 immigrants from *Western* countries would make a substantial difference and, above all, would dramatically lift the morale of the country. And think of it, they will add, if there were several million! Israel would be transformed and its human base be made near impregnable.

Sidon and Lapid, in their harsh and sardonic pieces (of which I have quoted a portion only) address a subject which we, living comfortably where we are, have not faced head-on. We don't feel like rocking the boat. To be sure, the term "aliya" is always given a respectful place on the communal agenda, but is not really tackled seriously. It sometimes seems to me that the presence of Israelis who have settled among us is a pretext for not looking at ourselves. I am not sure how we can arrive at a greater degree of introspection, but the jarring notes of the Sidons and Lapids should at least give us some pause.

Bush's stance on Vanik praised

WASHINGTON (JTA)— American Jewish groups have welcomed President George Bush's recent announcement of conditions the Soviet Union would have to meet before a waiver of U.S. trade sanctions against that country could be considered.

"Should the Soviet Union codify its emigration laws in accord with international standards and implement its new laws faithfully, I am prepared to work with Congress for a temporary waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment, opening the way to extending Most-Favored-Nation trade status to the Soviet Union," Bush said in a commencement address at Texas A&M University.

Bush's statement came a day after Secretary of State James Baker told a news conference in Moscow that he told Soviet leaders that it would be appropriate to consider waiving Jackson-Vanik as well as the Stevenson Amendment, which withholds U.S. government credits, should Soviet emigration reforms be "institutionalized."

Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said she welcomed Bush's "setting of criteria which the Soviet Union should meet prior to the recommendation of a waiver."

Bush's position is consistent with the conference's "continuing reassessment of its position, initiated on Jan. 10," she said.

The group's preconditions for consideration of a waiver are a sustained high level of Soviet emigration; codification of Soviet emigration laws; progress on resolving the cases of long-term Refuseniks; and reversal of emigration refusals to those who allegedly had access to state secrets.

A National Conference delegation is scheduled to visit the Soviet Union from May 23 to 28, to meet with Refuseniks and Soviet officials. The group's executive committee and board of governors will consider advocating a waiver of Jackson-Vanik penalties at a meeting in Washington on June 12 and 13.

The group's preconditions are in line with those announced by the Washington-based Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. Officials of that group said they were "relieved, joyful and full of gratitude" for Bush's statement.

Pamela Cohen, president of the Union of Councils of Soviet Jewry, said Bush's statement is in "strict compliance" with previously stated U.S. positions on a waiver and with her group's own position.

Micah Naftalin, the organization's national director, who was given an advance briefing of the President's speech by a White House official, praised Bush for not easing the conditions for a Jackson-Vanik waiver.

He credited Bush with "resisting the euphoria of glasnost" by not "crossing the critical Rubicon by granting a 1 year waiver."

Cohen called Bush's statement a "first-round victory" against those "pressing for a premature waiver in the absence of Soviet legislative guarantees of institutional reform, leading to high and sustained levels of emigration."

Even the normally hardline Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry "warmly welcomed" Bush's remarks and announced it was sending a delegation to the Soviet Union to join Refuseniks in drafting proposed emigration reforms to present to the Kremlin.

The grassroots group said any legislation enacted by the Soviets must guarantee "unhindered exit to anyone who wishes." The group suggested that period of time equal to the duration of a waiver be set aside to test implementation of the legislation before a waiver is granted.

Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said Bush had set "fair and firm conditions" for the granting of a waiver.

"Those conditions offer a test of Soviet intentions," he said in a statement. "We trust that the USSR will meet that test and institutionalize by law the reforms it has begun to put into effect in its emigration practices."

David Harris, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee, called Bush's statement "a welcome balance between continued American commitment to the principle of free and unobstructed emigration and the recognition of the need for a flexible response."

Harris pointed out that repeal of Jackson-Vanik "is not an issue." The law allows the President to recommend to Congress an 18-month waiver, followed by annual renewals.

A White House fact sheet on Jackson-Vanik said Bush could propose a 1-year waiver by notifying Congress. It added that an interagency review is under way in the Bush administration to determine whether legislative approval of a waiver is required.

Harris played down any possible negative reaction from Congress should the interagency review determine Bush does not need congressional approval. He noted Bush's statement that he is "prepared to work with Congress."

"Clearly the administration understands that the best way to move forward is through a broad consensus of the administration and the Congress, and the relevant interest groups, including the Jewish community," Harris said.

Society punishes parents for its own failures

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

A parent was arrested in Los Angeles recently. It happens every day, but not quite like this. Gloria Williams, you see, was arrested for *being* a parent.

More precisely, the 37-year-old mother of three became the very first person accused under a new California law that holds parents responsible when their kids go bad. She is charged with "failing to exercise reasonable care, supervision, protection and control" of a child.

The child in question is 17 years old and an alleged member of street gang called the Crips. This son is accused of being among those who raped a 12-year-old girl.

Mind you, if the police are right, Mrs. Williams is no candidate for the Mother's Day Hall of Fame. When they entered her apartment to talk about her son, they found walls covered with gang graffiti instead of rock posters. The photo albums showed members of the family pointing guns. The birthday cake for the 8-year-old was decorated with the gang name.

To this day the mother, who works for an electronics firm not far from home, insists that her son is no gang member. Perhaps she is blind or blindly loyal or chooses to believe that the Crips are a local Boy Scout troop and the guns are merit badges on the way to becoming an Eagle Scout. Perhaps she does condone her son's gang membership, as the city attorney charges.

But the crime she is accused of is a lack of parental control. Let me put it this way: It's 10 o'clock at night. Do you know where your 17-year-old son is? Sure about that?

The California law was created and passed in the current desperate mood about street gangs and youth, about violence and drugs. In the sociological search for a cause of all these woes, Americans buy one generic label these days. We blame it all on "the breakdown of the family."

If the cause is the breakdown of family, then surely the cure is the repair of the family. Our search for a fix has taken us to many different family mechanics. The favorites these days are the ones who believe that the breakdown is caused by a loss of parental authority. Their special low-cost repair would put parents back in the driver's seat. Those who won't take the wheel must be forced into it.

This is the fix-it behind the law that threatens California parents of kids involved in criminal activities with a year in jail and a $2,500 fine. It's the thinking as well behind a Wisconsin law that makes parents financially responsible for the offspring of their teen-age children. And it is, in part as well, the support for laws that require parental consent for abortion.

We are now seeing various attempts to put parents in charge, to shore up authority, to foster at least the image and maybe the reality of a traditional family unit. They are, mostly, efforts to control the behaviors that worry society the most: teen-age violence and teen-age sex, the yin and yang, the male and female of dangers.

I find this a notable pattern. After all, parents have always been held responsible for the care of their children. They've been held liable for child neglect, for child abuse, for child support. We have always drawn connections between behavior and background. Where did they, we, go wrong?

But this current society that knows little about how to restore relationships, that has done less to help parents trying to raise their children in safety and health, has now turned to punishing the failures.

More and more responsibility is passed to parents, even as we worry about their willingness to exercise it. We allow violence on the screen and tell parents to control the dial. We allow drugs on the streets and tell parents to monitor usage. We offer a few alternatives to street life and expect parents to keep their kids indoors. We remove communal supports and tell parents to make up the difference.

I don't know about Mrs. Williams' culpability, although if they arrested the mother for her "failure to exercise supervision," why not the absent father? But for every crooked parent, there is another who hasn't given up but, rather, has lost control of a teen-ager. For everyone who is truly irresponsible, there is another who is overwhelmed, a third who is afraid for her child, a fourth who is afraid OF her child. Is that parent now a criminal?

They say that California is the leading edge, the social trend-setter. Now the Golden State has turned the Bible on its head. They've decided that the sins of the sons shall be visited upon their parents.

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From opposite ends of globe

ORT students ambassadors on Canadian tour

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

At the face of it, they have little in common. She is from a comfortable family in the cosmopolitan city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. She went to a Jewish school, loves shopping for clothes and dreams of putting her language skills to work as an English teacher.

He is from a small town in central India, and has been working for a number of years as a mechanical draftsman. He wants to better himself by training as a computer programmer. He follows the laws of kashruth and Shabbat, but his knowledge of Jewish history was, until recently, limited.

What Sandra Sedler, 18, and Robin Jhirad, 23, have in common is that they are both ORT students, albeit at schools on opposite sides of the globe. They have also been touring Canada this month, meeting ORT supporters and visiting schools, as ambassadors of this 109-year-old international network of technical and vocational schools. Every two years, a pair of ORT students from different parts of the world are sent to Canada for a visit.

They reflect both the international nature of ORT's mission and the diverse students the network serves.

Jhirad, a native of Jabalpur, travelled 1,000 km to study at the ORT India School in Bombay in 1984, after finishing high school, to take a 3-year diploma course in mechanical drafting. Upon graduation, he got a job at Bombay Metal and Alloys, where he continues to work while enrolled in a new 1-year part-time computer course.

The ORT India Computer Centre leads to an Oxford University diploma and is the first course of its kind on the subcontinent. Jhirad said the program has gone a long way to enhance the image of the ORT school.

Attending ORT and moving to Bombay has also given Jhirad a deeper understanding of Judaism. His family was religious, he says, but having come from such a small Jewish community it was difficult to feel connected with the Jewish world.

Jewish studies are an integral part of the ORT India school curriculum, even though almost a quarter of the 203 students are not Jewish. The students themselves organize Jewish festival celebrations. Also, Bombay has a 4,000-member Jewish community. The Israeli consul in Bombay teaches Hebrew classes in the evening at the ORT school which are open to the whole community.

"After high school, I applied to university to study engineering, but I was not admitted. If there was no ORT, it would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to get a job in computers because it's the only place teaching that level."

The ORT India school for boys opened in 1960, and the girls' school was added in 1970. The co-ed computer centre opened in 1987 and has 28 students. Robotics is expected to be added next year.

Sedler could have had her choice of schools, but had no hesitation about going to ORT Argentina, which has earned a reputation for first-class education. She is in her last year of a 6-year high school, and is also specializing in computers.

ORT students Robin Jhirad and Sandra Sedler toured Canada this month. [Drummond photo]

"I think the school has the best equipment in Argentina even at the university level," she said. There is a waiting list to enrol in the school, and admissions are limited to the best students. However, scholarships are awarded to those who cannot afford to pay.

ORT Argentina's Technical High School has a record enrolment of more than 1,700 students and the ORT II 600 students. Demand for places this year was so high that registration closed after only three hours and hundreds of prospective students were turned away. There are plans now for a third addition.

Besides computers, the high school offers courses in electronics, chemistry, administration, construction and mass media, in addition to the regular academic program.

ORT also has a junior college in Buenos Aires, but Sedler expects to go on to university next year in order that she can become an English teacher.

Another factor in Sedler's decision to attend ORT Argentina is that it is one of the few Jewish high schools in the country, which has a Jewish population of about 300,000. Its Hebrew and Jewish studies courses are excellent, she says.

ORT is playing a vital role for the Jewish community in Latin America, where it is present in nine countries, she said.

Neither of these ORT schools in India and Argentina receive operating budgets from government, and they therefore rely heavily on funds raised abroad.

The students were hosted in Canada by Women's Canadian ORT, which donates scholarships to many ORT schools worldwide. Besides Montreal, their stops during their 26-day stay included Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa.

Wiesenthal portrayed in film as man of justice, not hatred

By
MORRIE WARSHAWSKI

NEW YORK —

Simon Wiesenthal has made himself one of the most famous of all Holocaust survivors through his unflagging efforts at tracking down Nazi war criminals.

Now in his 80th year, he has officially sanctioned and served as consultant to a new 3-hour HBO movie Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story airing on the Canadian pay-TV channel First Choice at 8 p.m. June 18 and 19.

Ben Kingsley who plays Wiesenthal brings a great deal of reverence to the story: "This role deals with Simon's experience and the experience of the 11 million who died during the war. I suppose there's some kind of justice in ensuring that a cry of pain which lasts forever is heard forever. I was always sincerely hoping for an opportunity to articulate that cry of pain."

Produced by Canadian filmmakers Robert Cooper and John Kemeny, Murderers Among Us covers two sections of Wiesenthal's life — the war years and his experiences at Mathausen death camp, and his postwar work as a Nazi hunter first with the War Crimes Unit and then in his own Documentation Centre in Vienna.

The film opens with the scene of Mathausen's liberation in 1945 and Wiesenthal's fateful meeting with Major Bill Harcourt (played by Craig Nelson) — the man who convinces the former architect of homes to help root out the architects of the Holocaust.

Wiesenthal is reunited with his wife Cyla (Renee Soutendijk) whom he thought was dead. Cyla spends much of the movie trying to talk her husband into leading a normal life. "Who put you in charge? What kind of job is it being a Nazi hunter?" she asks.

Their dilemma is best summed up by the following exchange. Cyla — "I want a child and I want to forget." Simon — "I want a child and I can't forget."

One memory in particular haunts Wiesenthal's dreams — an incident in the camp when a young SS officer, dying and completely swathed in bandages, asks to be forgiven for killing Jews. An incredulous Wiesenthal, numb from the horrors he has witnessed and endured, walks out of the room without giving absolution.

The film portrays Wiesenthal as a man obsessed with a mission to ensure justice and memory — not as a man driven by hatred or revenge. In one scene, he talks another survivor out of killing Franz Murer, the "Butcher of Vilna," during a trial in Vienna.

"We are not killers," pleads Wiesenthal. "We have to show we are better than them." This provides little comfort, though, when Murer is found innocent on all 17 counts of murder.

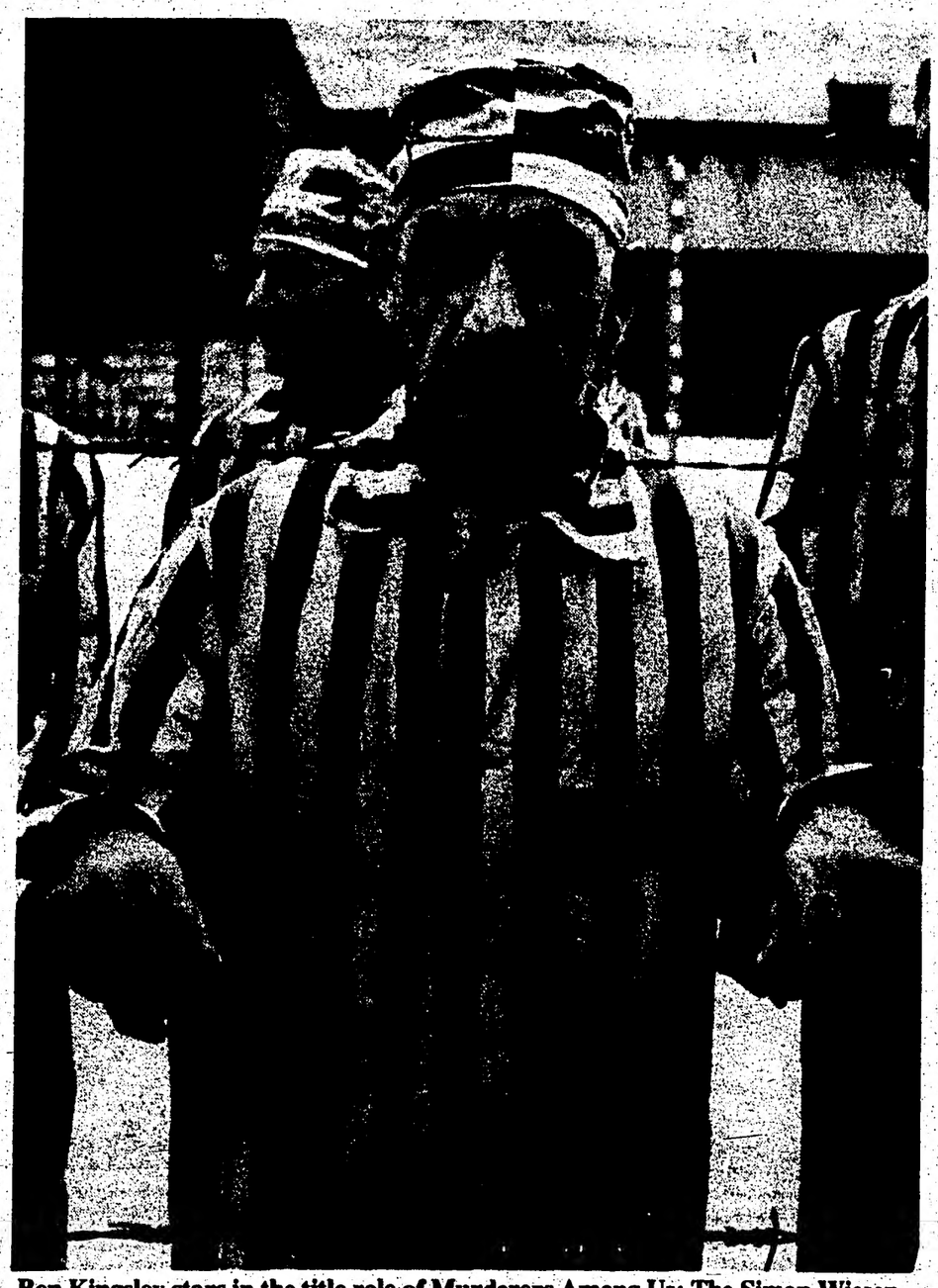
Wiesenthal attempts to pass on to his daughter Paulina (Louisa Haigh) this message and warning against hatred. Wiesenthal's relationship with his daughter fuels some of the more moving scenes in the film. Paulina is becoming increasingly curious about her Jewishness and the fate of her relatives (all 89 were lost during the war).

She is surrounded by Viennese classmates whose parents would like nothing better than to forget the war and some of whom feign total ignorance of the Holocaust.

The cinematography is crisply and cleanly handled by Elemer Ragalyi, who has been given the advantage of historically accurate sets built in Hungary by Jozsef Romvary.

If this film errs in any respects it is on the side of paying almost too much reverence to Wiesenthal. This allows facts and chronology to often take centre stage over the dramatic development both of plot and of character interaction.

But, the point of this work resides as a direct response to what an SS officer once said about Wiesenthal's wish to fly to America to tell the story of the Holocaust — "How could they believe it? Even if you could prove the unprovable you still could not make the unbelievable believable."



Ben Kingsley stars in the title role of Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Where do you stand on the Right to Life issue, and the opposite view that "a woman's body is her own"?

Rabbi Burak

ANSWER: In the Torah view, a man's body is not his own. Beginning with Psalms, 24:1, we are told: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; The world and they that dwell therein." Again, in Ezekiel, Chapter 18:4, Hashem says: "Behold, all souls are mine." Those who hold a different view are in trouble. But, there is another text that says the opposite, and it is in Psalms, 115:16: "The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth hath He given to the children of men." It is the Talmud that points out this contradiction, in Tractate Berachos, 35a-b, and here is its answer: "There is no contradiction: in the one case it is before a blessing has been said, in the other case, after."

That's how the contradiction between the two Psalms is solved. There is no blessing over the destruction of a life.

Those who insist that a person's body is his own should be prepared to consider this question: May a person decide to chop off his own fingers? There were some people in Europe who did this so as to avoid service in a conscript army. They didn't want to kill anybody, nor to be killed. So, they would shoot off, or chop off, a piece of finger needed to fire a gun.

That made them useless as far as the army was concerned, and they were set free from military service. I knew a European sage who was advised to do this. He happened to be a Cohen, and his reply was that those who were of the tribe of priests had to be without blemish on their bodies.

He refused to make himself unfit for his priestly duties, and emigrated to the United States, even though Judaism was not at the high level there that it was at in his native Poland.

Now, as to a woman's body being her own: she made her own body? When born, was she fully capable of looking after herself? Didn't she need to be diapered? Didn't her mother spend sleepless nights nursing her through childhood ailments? Then, why shouldn't her mother have veto power?

In Tractate Kiddushin, 30b, we are told: "There are three partners in man: God, and his father and mother." And God is really the senior partner, for, after all, He has the controlling shares in the parents as well. Does God want to have a fetus be fished out of its mother's womb? Didn't he issue the command: "Be fruitful!"

The only way in which this is possible in Judaism is to find a situation in which it might be claimed that Hashem approves the abortion. In Judaism, this happens when the fetus represents a threat to the mother's life. If the fetus endangers the mother's life, it is called a "rodef," a pursuer. Then, just as you have the right to strike down the pursuer who wants to kill you, we have the right to destroy the fetus that is killing its mother. (Mishnah, Oholos, Chapter 7:6).

Another issue is brought in the responsa Chavos Yaair, number 31. A married woman who conceived a child through someone other than her husband, asked if she could have an abortion as an act of repentance. Earlier authorities are cited to show that this is not the way.

In the responsa of the Maharit (di Trani) part 1, responsum 99, the sage, on being asked if a Jewess might help a non-Jewess have an abortion, answered that it is permitted if it will be beneficial to the health of the pregnant lady.

Only in the Responsa She'elat Yaavetz, volume 1, number 43, is there an attempt to give a relaxed ruling on the total question. But, at the end of the responsum, the sage reversed himself, and said a loud No!

Egged bus stoned in Nazareth

Arab violence spilling into Israel

JERUSALEM(JTA)— A recent wave of violent incidents in northern Israel has raised fears that the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip may be spreading to Israel's 700,000 Arab citizens.

An Egged bus was stoned recently as it passed through Nazareth, the largest Arab city in Israel. Three passengers were slightly hurt.

A police van that rushed to the scene was reportedly pelted with stones and bottles.

A 14-year-old Jewish boy from Nahariya, Armand Swissa, was stabbed in a brawl between fans of Jewish and Arab soccer teams after a match.

The youngster was hospitalized and reported in fair condition. Police arrested 51 rioters, including the suspected knife-wielder.

Violence involving soccer fans is a common phenomenon, and this incident may or may not have had political motivations.

But Danny Tabib, the police commander in the northern region, said the incidence of attacks on Jewish targets near Arab population centres in the region has increased in the past few months.

There have been several arrests in the past few days and more are expected.

Two firebombs were reportedly thrown at a car on the main road to the Jewish town of Migdal Ha'emek, not far from Nazareth.

Israeli Arabs are also suspected of setting fields and cars on fire in recent days.

Police said they arrested a gang of eight from the Arab village of Jatt, near Hadera, who confessed to throwing a gasoline bomb during a basketball game, stoning cars and raising the Palestinian flag.

According to police, they also admitted to drawing anti-Israel slogans on walls and threatening other Arabs whom they accused of collaborating with the Israeli authorities.

Incidents such as the bus stoning could lead to retaliatory acts against Arabs, the way some Jewish settlers in the West Bank often take the law into their own hands.

Mayor Shaul Amor of Migdal Ha'emek, where the Egged bus was headed, warned that if violence against Jewish vehicles does not stop, it will be difficult to prevent a Jewish reaction.

Amor advised the Hadash Communist party, which governs Nazareth, to control its people, "because the patience of the Jewish residents is running out as the creeping intifada reaches their homes."

Israel's Arab community, which enjoys most but not all of the civil rights conferred by citizenship, has been generally quiescent since the uprising in the administered territories 17 months ago.

Many Israelis fear this is changing as the intifada continues unabated.

In other developments, several hundred Jewish settlers from Kiryat Arba rampaged through Hebron last week, firing weapons in an admitted pursuit of revenge for an earlier spate of rock-throwing attacks on Jewish vehicles.

Three Israelis were injured in the rock-throwin incidents.

The settlers smashed windows, burned cars and tried to set fire to Arab houses in the largely Arab city of 70,000.

A large contingent of the Israel Defence Force rushed to Hebron and gradually restored order. The troops closed the road to Kiryat Arba, the Jewish township that overlooks Hebron.

Soldiers opened fire on Arab youths after being struck by stones.

Relations have long been tense between the Arabs of Hebron and the Jews of Kiryat Arba, a stronghold of the militant Gush Emunim settlers movement. This is partly because Jews from Kiryat Arba have established their own heavily protected enclave in the heart of Hebron.

The Jewish settlers have also made retaliatory forays against Hebron Arabs many times in the past.

But the latest incident, involving between 300 and 500 settlers, was by far the largest and most serious to date, according to Aharon Domev, head of the security information Centre in Hebron.

Meanwhile the Israel Defence Force has launched a new offensive in the administered territories, apparently intended to show the Palestinians that the alternative to backing Israel's proposed peace plan could be quite unpleasant.

No official explanation for the crackdown has been given. But it coincides with the start of an intensive Israeli campaign at home and abroad to promote its peace initiative.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, one of the principal authors of the plan, met with 15 influential Palestinians last week to explain it.

He told them the peace plan offers a chance to finally solve the Palestinian problem, and he urged them not to "waste the opportunity, as you have done in the past."

The tough measures the IDF is taking in the territories are apparently intended to convince the Palestinians that rejection of the peace plan will have only unpleasant consequences.

Last week a blanket curfew was claimed on the entire Gaza Strip. It differed from past curfews in that it was ordered with little prior notice and was not in response to any specific disturbances by the Palestinians.

In fact, the territory has been relatively quiet in recent days.

At the time the curfew was announced, Arabs from Gaza working inside Israel were ordered to leave and return to their homes immediately. It is the first time such an order has been issued to the tens of thousands of Gazans who are employed in Israel.

No official explanation for the move was given. A senior military source said the measure was taken in view of "violent acts by residents of the territories within Israel proper," resulting in new tension between Jews and Arabs.

The IDF and police also abolished free access into Israel for Palestinians from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

For the first time in the 22 years since Israel took control of the territories, Arab residents will require individual permits to enter Israel for work or other reasons.

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C-O-L jumps in April

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A sharp, unexpected 2.6% hike in the cost-of-living index for April came as an unpleasant surprise to Treasury officials when it was announced recently.

They hastened to blame seasonal factors, not economic measures taken by the government.

The figures, reported by the Central Bureau of Statistics, were well above the less than 2% rise anticipated for the month. Inflation is now running at an annual rate of 9.4%.

The single-digit rate promised by the finance ministry may be impossible to maintain. But according to officials, economic policy is not the culprit.

The price index would have been kept within "reasonable limits," they said, were it not for seasonal rises in the prices of clothing, footwear, fruits and vegetables.

First Israeli woman ordained as rabbi

NEW YORK — The Jewish Theological Seminary of America last week ordained Einat Ramon, the first Israeli-born woman to become a rabbi, at its 95th commencement.

Ramon first experienced Conservative Judaism in the early 1970s when her family lived in Texas. She decided to become a rabbi after reading an article in The Jerusalem Post about Amy Eilberg, the first woman ordained by the Seminary.

Although no Israeli congregation has yet hired a woman, Ms. Ramon plans to return to Israel to pursue possibilities of employment there.

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Argentinian elections seen threat to democracy

By
CJN NEWS SERVICES

BUENOS AIRES —

The landslide victory of Peronist Carlos Menem in the Argentinian presidential elections will lead to a rollback of democratic freedoms in that country and closer links to radical Arab states, former political prisoner and publisher Jacobo Timerman said recently.

Timerman spent years in prison a decade ago for his critical views of the military junta that ruled Argentina at that time.

He said he did not forsee a military dictatorship re-emerging with the Menem victory, but said that people who had participated in death squads would now be part of the new government. He did not say what role these people would have.

Menem has links with radical Arab states, and last year visited President Hafez Assad in Damascus. Timerman noted that Assad was one of the first to congratulate Menem on his presidential victory. Assad wrote to Menem saying: "When I met you, I recognized your powerful personality and your capacity to lead Argentina. I am sure we will be able to better relations between our two countries."

Timerman noted that Menem was "the only one in Latin America to propose cutting diplomatic relations with the U.S. after the American bombing of Libya" in 1986.

Timerman said he thought that Argentina would strengthen its ties with Syria, and would vote along with radical Arab states at the UN. He added that during the election campaign, Menem called for the influx of capital from Arab states to improve Argentina's dismal economic situation.

When asked about the implications of the current situation for the Jewish community, Timerman said he wanted to be careful how he phrased his response. "Yesterday, a rabbi from Buenos Aires called me and asked if there is a danger for Jews. I answered, 'Many of the people who are working for Menem are anti-semitic and they belong to fascist organizations. It is not sure that they are going to act anti-semitically.

"But I also told him that the first time an anti-semitic article is published, the Jewish community must fight openly. They must not negotiate privately as they did with the generals and be an appendage to Israeli diplomacy."

Timerman said he did not envision a Jewish exodus as a result of Menem's victory, although runaway inflation would inevitably lead to some emigration. "The poorer Jews will go to Israel and the professional class will go to Spain, Italy and the U.S.," he said.

The return of Peronist leadership to Argentina is causing shockwaves to ripple through the large and important Jewish community here.

Many non-Jews as well view with deep concern the election of Menem.

Jorge Rubin Matzkin, the only Jewish Peronist deputy in Argentina's Congress, is a highly respected moderate voice in a party that many fear has authoritarian leanings. He attempted to allay these fears in an interview last year with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Matzkin, an economic specialist with close ties to Menem, insisted that the Peronist movement, which he called that largest in South America, has "profound democratic convictions" and a strong aversion to anti-semitism. He also was certain that relations with Israel would be unchanged.

According to the deputy, Menem has met with Jewish officials in Buenos Aires and would welcome such an exchange with American Jewish leaders. Matzkin also pointed out that the province of Chubut, in southern Argentina, has a Jewish Peronist governor, Nestor Perl.

But apprehensions persist. Manuel Tenenbaum, director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, indicated that no one is certain there will not be a return to authoritarian rule.

Veteran jounalist Werner Finkelstein provided a slightly different viewpoint. "I don't see that we have a Jewish problem per se," he said. "Our economic and political survival is a concern of the entire Argentine middle class.

"I don't think that our position with Israel will change, no matter which party triumphs," he said. "And as far as relations between the Jewish and Arab communities here are concerned, they are quite cordial and should remain so.

"What is fatal for all of us is the ongoing combination of bureaucracy and incompetence," he said.

Ambassador Ephraim Tari, the Israeli envoy here, declared that there is some progress in economic exchanges between the two nations. Argentine officials, he said, have a respect for Israel's economic stability and its knowhow.

A commission including representatives of the foreign office and various ministries went to Jerusalem last June to study Israel's latest technological and economic advances.

Israel's population grows to 4.5 million

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Israel's population grew by 1.7% in the past year to an estimated 4.5 million — 3.7 million of whom are Jews — the Central Bureau of Statistics reported recently.

Non - Jews include some: 643,000 Moslems, 104,000 Christians and 78,000 Druze, the bureau said in its annual Independence Day report. The figures show that the Jewish population increased by 1.2% and the non-Jewish population by 4%.

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4,557 left in April

Soviet Jewish emigration continues to increase

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Soviet Jewish emigration continued to rise in April, bringing this year's 4-month total a step closer to the overall 1988 level.

A total of 4,557 Jews emigrated in April from the Soviet Union, according to the New York-based National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

April's figure — a 7.5% increase from March when 4,240 Jews left the USSR — brings this year's total so far to 14,018, the NCSJ said in a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

Last year, 18,965 Jews left the Soviet Union

If the trend continues, this year's Soviet Jewish emigration will exceed 42,000.

However, the 1989 total is not as high as the level reached during the first four months of 1979, a benchmark year for emigration. Between January and April of that year, 16,273 Jews left the Soviet Union.

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Markham MP Bill Attewell recently welcomed former Moscow Refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky to Parliament Hill in Ottawa, says a release from Attewell's office.

Kosharovsky and his family immigrated to Israel on March 12 after an 18-year struggle to leave the Soviet Union.

It was Attewell's second meeting with Kosharovsky. The two first met in 1987 when the politician led a small delegation on a 10-day fact finding visit to the USSR.

Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, announced the 48-year-old former radio engineer's presence to the House of Commons.

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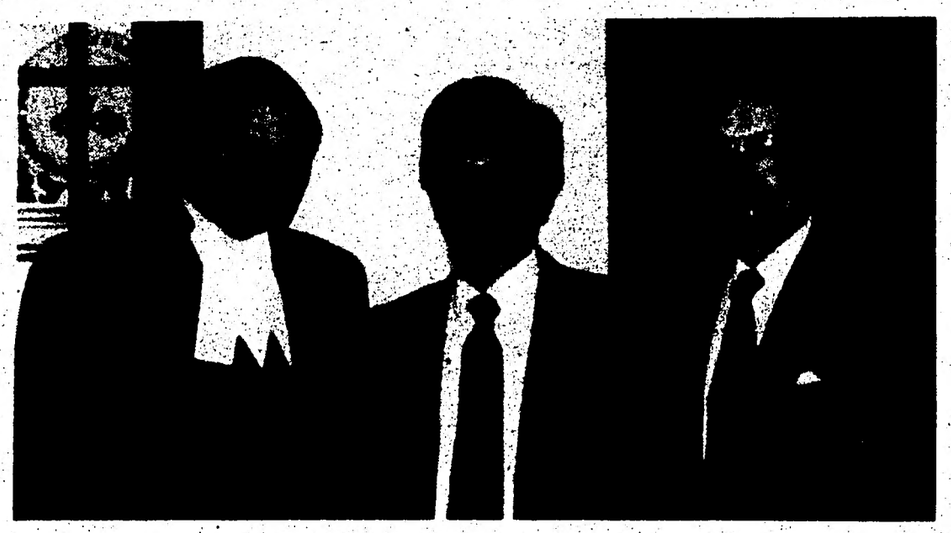
Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue has adopted the Kazanevich family of Leningrad, reports Soviet Jewry activist David Kahn, of Toronto.



John Fraser (left), Yuli Kosharovsky and Bill Attewell.

The Kazaneviches — including Mikhail, 42, a radio engineer, his wife, Natasha, 43, and daughters Janna, 22, and Sonya, 8 — have been denied exit visas since 1973 on grounds Mikhail possesses state secrets.

Beth Emeth's former Refusenik family — Dimitri and Rina Schiglick of Moscow — received permission to emigrate last month.

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A long-term program has been established for the newly-opened Solomon Mykhoels Jewish Cultural Centre in Moscow, says Boris Zaitsev, the centre's vice-chairman.

The program includes concerts, soirees, lectures and meetings with interesting people, Zaitsev says in a Novosti Press Agency report sent via the USSR Embassy in Ottawa.

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A key threat to Soviet Jews' existence is anti-semitism, say six Refuseniks in a press statement released to Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator, of Toronto.

"One of the reasons for the rise of this evil in the epoch of perestroika is the constant slanderous anti-semitic propaganda which has been conducted for decades under the pretext of struggling against Zionism," the group said in a phone call made on behalf of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation.

The group is calling for a resumption of diplomatic ties between the USSR and Israel, and a halt to anti-Zionist propaganda in the Soviet Union.

Group members include Refusenicks Yuri Semenovsky, Alexander Shumuckler, Mikhail Chlenov, Victor Koretsky, Roman Spektor and Valery Engle.

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Perestroika has already made life quieter and freer in the Soviet Union, says Chief Rabbi Adolf Shayevich, of the Moscow Choral Synagogue.

"But the lives of believers are not confined to the synagogue — believers live and work, just as all of Soviet society does, and take part in solving its problems," Shayevich recently told Vladimir Galin, of the Novosti Press Agency.

"They are treated as equals, and this is a very important psychological factor for us," the rabbi continued.

"Believers no longer have to conceal that they belong to one or another religion, and that makes them more emancipated and free."

Aims at strengthening Israel-Diaspora ties

Arts exchange group seeks funds

TORONTO —

An Israeli cultural exchange organization is seeking more funds after running a successful 1-year project, says the group's chairman.

Ora Goldenberg said about 500 Israeli performers, writers and others were involved in cultural activities in the United States during the past year as part of Keshet's Independence and Interdependence exchange project. More than 30,000 North American Jews and others viewed the events.

In return, Canada and the U.S. sent four groups to participate in Israel's Carmiel international folk dance festival, she said.

The 50-year-old former lawyer, who lives in Tel Aviv, made the comments during a recent 2-week trip to Toronto where she visited her parents Sara and Zvi Swirsky.

She said Keshet — a public organization promoting Israeli arts and culture throughout the Jewish Diaspora — is seeking funds to continue its exchange activities.

"We are now convinced even more than ever of how important it is to cultivate the cultural ties between Israel and the Diaspora...because of the major estrangement that occurs right now between the Jewish people in the Diaspora and in Israel," said Goldenberg in an interview at the Four Seasons Hotel.

"Some of the main instruments that used to unify us have lost their strength, and culture can supply answers in those places where diplomacy and politics don't have the answer."

During Israel's 40th anniversary, Montreal businessman Charles Bronfman helped finance Keshet's establishment, along with funds from Israel's education and foreign affairs ministries, Goldenberg says. The Jewish Agency and other major Israeli cultural institutions were also involved in the venture.

Ora Goldenberg (left) with Yossi Frost.

Bronfman also financed the Independence project, which began in July, 1988.

Keshet coordinated cultural events in Israel, while the New York-based National Foundation for Jewish Culture oversaw planning in the U.S., she says.

"The project is over — the last function was on April 3 in New York and we really don't know what's going to happen now," Goldenberg said.

"If it's to continue in such a strong and meaningful way, we need lots of funds. But I would like to stress that whatever happens, Mr. Bronfman will always be remembered as the founder of Keshet," she said.

Goldenberg, who helps run Keshet along with executive manager Yossi Frost, said she firmly believes in Keshet.

"First of all I believe in Israel and I love Israel, and I feel that through culture and the arts we can show and represent a different kind of Israel from the pictures that are so often seen on television," Goldenberg said.

This past year's activities — including festivals, performances, art and thematic exhibitions, concerts and international conferences — have had a noticeable influence, she said.

They created a "convenient atmosphere for people to open a dialogue in subjects that are of interest to both the Jewish community in Israel and the Diaspora because we have to understand that we all share the same history, the same heritage and the same fate," Goldenberg said.

"And even though we live in different realities, there's a deep link between us. The cultural dialogue enables us to become closer to each other, to understand each other and to deal with the subject of the soul on a different level."

For more information, write to Keshet at 14 Stand St., Tel Aviv 64374, Israel, phone 03-223956 or 234623 or 245435.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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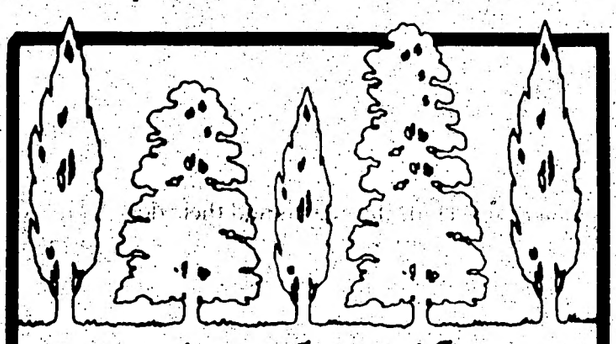
LEBOVICS — LEIBOWITZ

Joseph LEBOVICS, a chartered accountant in Toronto, traces his ancestry in Hungary for over 125 years. He is aware of Polish and Russian names like LEIBOWITZ and LEBOVIC, but is not aware of any kinship. He seeks the source of his surname.

I have previously written about the identification of Judah with the lion. When Jacob blessed his sons, he described Judah as a lion whelp (gur aryeh in Hebrew). The Yiddish word for lion is "leib." My late brother was Yehudah Leib.

"Ovich" or "owitz" means the son of, so that LEIBOWITZ or LEBOVIC is a patronymic name meaning son of LEIB.



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DIARY of the People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Two more Jews escaped Auschwitz on May 27, 1944. Arnost Rosin and Czezlaw Mordowicz were among a handful of individuals who managed to flee the gigantic death camp that year. Their report of its operation was ignored by the Allies.

Nazi expansion of an army barracks into a vast concentration camp in the marshy Polish town of Oswiecim began in 1940. Mass killing apparatus was set up in nearby Birkenau. Consuming slave labor were some 40 subsidiary installations, including the large synthetic rubber plant Buna-Werke, coal mines, munitions factories, farms, highway construction, and a gruesome institute of medical experimentation.

Non-Jews and Jews from every occupied country were shipped there; of the latter, most were dispatched on arrival to their death, and the rest destroyed by hunger, disease, and torture.

Four large gas chambers and crematoria were opened in the summer of 1942, to allow the destruction of thousands of men, women, and children daily. Of the 5 million people shipped to Auschwitz, more than a third were Jews, nearly all of whom perished. Russian troops liberating the camp on Jan. 27, 1945, found some 5,000 emaciated and terrorized survivors.

Over the years, only a small number of Jews managed to elude the guards and their dogs, and electrified barbwire fences for an uncertain fate through the surrounding countryside. Their reports confirmed what was already known in high Allied circles, where disruption of the extermination process was not a priority.

On the night of May 26, 1944, Rosin of Slovakia and Mordowicz of Poland hid in a bunker near the guard headquarters. Sirens announced their escape the next morning. When an SS search was finally called off three days later, the two crawled out at night through the space between the watchtowers and swam across the Sola River. They nearly ran into a forced labor conscription gang near the town of Chelmek. They climbed onto the roof of a passenger train, from which they jumped when it passed through a heavily forested region. Wading through another river, they found themselves in Slovakia.

Rosin's joy did not last long. It was June 8. Participating, in a village inn, in a toast to the Allied invasion of Normandy, the two were taken away by local military police, and threatened with dispatch to forced labor in Germany. Rosin asked to see the head of the surviving Jewish community. Through the latter's intervention, the two were charged with smuggling and tried locally, in Liptovsky Mikulas. Their fine was paid by the community, which transferred them to safer Bratislava. A report of their experiences was sent through a papal nuncio to the Vatican, which was interested in the fate of priests incarcerated in Auschwitz, and to Allied agencies in Switzerland. From there, it reached British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt.

In London, Chaim Weizmann repeated urgent pleas for the immediate bombing of Auschwitz's crematoria. These were ignored.

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INPARSHAL WORDS: dayash

The Torah contains many words echoed in English. In this week's parsha *Bechukotei*, *dayash* means thresh, and suggests thresh, thrash, dross, and perhaps tress.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary says thresh is a variation of thrash. It is traced through Old English *therscan*, Old High German *dreskan*, Old Norse *threskja*, Gothic *thriskan*, ultimately to two asterisked roots, the Germanic**thersk* and the Indo-European**tersk*. The two have been hypothesized according to current etymological theory. There is no verbal or written evidence that they ever existed.

The letter *dalet* starting dayash was, according to some sources, a th-sound. The word would then have been pronounced thayash. A little gutteral spin on the middle letter and yud gives us tharash. Interestingly, the -k accretions of the Germanic variants dropped away in modern English.

Dayash also suggest the word trash. One kind of trash, according to the dictionary, is the "fragments or loppings of trees or other plants created in their processing." The COD says trash was introduced in the 18th century, of unknown origin.

Dayash also suggests dross, the scum separated from metals in melting. The COD traces dross through Old English *dors*, Middle Dutch *droese*, dregs, to Old High German *truosana*.

Could the word tress also come from dayash? To make tresses involves separating strands of hair. The COD takes tress back through Old French *tresce* to "perhaps ultimately from Greek *trikha*, threefold." Now that's really splitting hairs!

Call made to respond "to attacks"

Reform Jews launch campaign

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"It's time for the Reform Jews in Canada to stand up and be counted," says Henrietta Chesnie, who, with Austen Beutel, is the co-chairman of the Combined Reform Appeal of Canada.

"This is the first time for a combined appeal for the North American and overseas needs of the Reform movement," said Beutel. The campaign is now under way.

In Jewish communities across Canada, Reform members make up a large percentage of the leadership for communal causes. Now, Chesnie said, they are being asked to make a commitment to their Reform institutions at a time "when the needs are growing in Canada, in U.S., in Israel, in Moscow and worldwide."

Chesnie says she is so deeply attached to the campaign because there is "a critical need at this time for Reform members to respond to the attacks made on their institutions and rabbis.

"The attempts being made to delegitimize us are reprehensible," she said. "The debate over the Who Is a Jew question is really a camouflage, it only scratches the surface. The attacks against us are on a much deeper level. We've never asked Reform members to commit themselves in this way before."

An example of how Reform members are coping with these attacks is in Australia where children of Reform families were not allowed to attend Orthodox day school classes. Chesnie said the communities responded by establishing two schools of their own, one for 1,000 students and another for 800.

Henrietta Chesnie

The campaign is under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations and as such has a tax deductible status. Campaign leaders are stressing that it is in no way intended to reduce donations to the United Jewish Appeal, said Chesnie.

Advance gifts to the campaign total $100,000.

The money raised will finance such diverse projects as a cultural centre for Jews in Moscow, further support for the Reform movement in Israel where 21 congregations are already established, and an outreach project in Canada modeled on one in U.S. which has been successful in reducing intermarriage.

Of the money raised, 60% will go to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for its programs in Canada and U.S., and the remaining 40% will go to the World Union for Progressive Judaism for its programs in Israel and worldwide. (Almost half of funds received by the UHAC from membership dues goes to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.)

Chesnie and Beutel are confident that the same spirit that has resulted in the number of Reform congregations in Canada growing from 3 to 21 since 1950 with a total of 8,000 families will ensure the success of this combined appeal, "the eventual purpose of which is to strengthen Israel."

Reform congregations across Canada are gearing up for the campaign. In Montreal, for instance, an evening June 5 arranged by Alfred Miller in honor of Alexander Schindler, president of UAHC will benefit the campaign. Miller is a member of the UAHC-board of trustees.

There are Reform congregations in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Kingston, Kitchener, London, Windsor, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Oakville, Brampton, Mississauga, 6 in Toronto and 2 in Montreal.

In addition, according to Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, executive director of the CCLC, unaffiliated congregations also receive help for their High Holiday services and other needs. Currently, for example, the 30 Jewish families in Medicine Hat, Alta., are in this category.

Norm Yanofsky of Calgary is president of the CCLC.

B'nai B'rith plans annual convention

TORONTO —

About 300 people are expected to gather near Quebec City this June for B'nai B'rith Canada's annual convention.

The 4-day event will feature the election of a new board and the approval of various resolutions relating to BBC's ideals and principles, says Pearl Gladman, the organization's associate national director.

BBC's president-elect is Ottawa entrepreneur Moishe Smith. The eight nominated vice-presidents are Farrel Shadlyn, of Edmonton, Naomi Levine, of Winnipeg, David Walman, of Hamilton, Frank Wilson, of Toronto, Jules Kronis, of Toronto, Hershie Frankel, of Montreal, George Ullman, of Montreal, and Steven Zatsman, of Halifax.

Conference topics will include human rights, the organization's administration, constitutional amendments and international affairs, says a report in BBC's newspaper The Covenant.

The organization's financial component will be examined in a plenary session. Leadership seminars, information sessions and addresses by keynote speakers will also be featured.

The June 4-7 convention will be held at the ski and golf resort of Hotel Chateau Mont Sainte-Anne, a half-hour drive from Quebec City. Kosher French cuisine will be served to guests.

It's the first time BBC has held a national convention in Canada in 13 years.

For more information, call BBC at (416) 633-6224.

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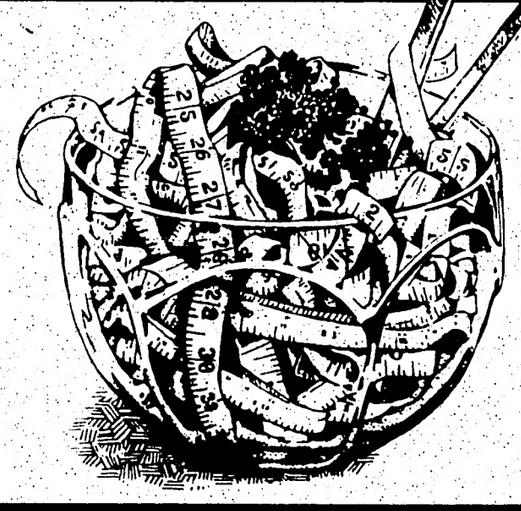

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Reconstructing tragedy

We note with continuing interest the way in which the film world is constantly dipping into the Holocaust for subject matter and artistic inspiration.

There is some considerable irony to this. What the conventional historical accounts of the Second World War have relegated to the periphery, the cinema has raised to a central focus.

A case in point: William Shirer's *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich: A History of Nazi Germany*, has just been republished by Exeter Books in an album size version which is profusely illustrated and abridged.

In this 256-page book the Holocaust is dealt with in one short chapter and Auschwitz is discussed in 34 lines. Out of respect to Mr. Shirer's integrity, we will assume that his editors are responsible for this unbalanced treatment.

The shoving of the Holocaust to the periphery or to the footnote apparatus of history books — while sometimes done without conscious bias — has had the effect of devaluating the magnitude of Jewish suffering.

The film world's awakening to the depth of degradation experienced by Jews under Hitler serves now as a powerful corrective to the years of indifference exhibited by the writers of world history.

In this context we salute Herman Wouk and the film version of *War and Remembrance*. For all its artistic imperfections, *War and Remembrance* — and especially the gifted performance of Sir John Gielgud — have re-focused out attention on the concentration camp horrors and done so with accuracy and respect for truth.

The same may be said for a new film now being produced in Auschwitz itself. The New York Times reports that *Triumph of the Spirit*, directed by Robert M. Young, is now being shot right in the former camp compound.

The film will reconstruct the travail of Salamo Arouch, a Greek Jewish boxer who was shipped off to Birkenau with his family when the Nazis occupied Thessalonica. The Nazis discovered his boxing prowess and offered to keep him alive as long as he won his bouts. The 200 people he defeated in the ring went to the gas chambers.

The scope of *Triumph of the Spirit* is less encompassing than *War and Remembrance* but in its own modest way the film will explore the demonic impulses which animated the Third Reich.

It is interesting that an art form that began only with this century is enabling us to understand better the greatest catastrophe of this same century.

Justice delayed

A number of disquieting events within the legal sector in Canada raises questions about the ability of this country to act promptly and judiciously in the administration of justice.

Years have passed now and the Deschenes Commission's recommendation about the prosecuting of at least a score of Nazi war criminals and collaborators has produced very little.

To this date one individual has been arraigned on a hearing which is seeking to revoke his Canadian citizenship. Another suspected Nazi collaborator is scheduled for trial this coming September.

Fewer than 10% of the suspects on the Deschenes list have been or will be brought to justice. What about the other 90%? Will they escape the judgment of the courts as the remaining witnesses grow old and die?

The slowness of the machinery of the law is remarkable when it comes to adjudicating the rightful claims of Jewish victims. And we are not only referring to Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammed, the convicted killer of an Israeli citizen during an attack on an El Al plane in Greece, continues to live in Canada after twice receiving a deportation order from immigration officials.

His lawyers have indicated that it might take eight years before their client's various appeals and briefs are ruled on.

Eight years!

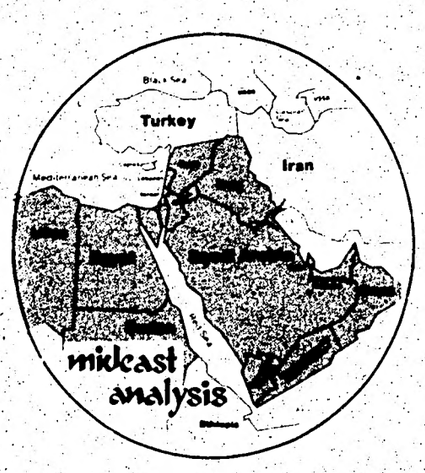
The rule of law is an admirable principle and we are the first to support it. One of the other principles, however, is that justice delayed is justice denied.

The cases involving Nazi war criminals, collaborators and terrorists have been badly handled by the judiciary in this country. The lethargy, indifference and occasional negligence exhibited by those who are responsible for upholding the law in this area have made a mockery of the law they are enjoined to enforce.

While Canada's land mass is great, there is no room in the country for Nazi war criminals, collaborators and terrorists.

Seven books will inform

Become a Middle East maven



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Middle East generates reams of news — information that must be digested reasonably well if one is to understand and appreciate this complex, constantly-changing region.

The books under review, both reference and general texts, deal with a variety of topics on the history, politics and geography of the Middle East.

If you read them all, you'll be uncommonly well-versed. If you prefer the less thorough skimming approach, you will nevertheless emerge much more informed.

We deal with seven books, most of which are related to each other. They're superbly researched, readable and accessible to the majority of readers.

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We begin with two excellent reference books — *Middle East Contemporary Survey, Volume X (Westview Press, $89.50 U.S.)* and *The Cambridge Encyclopedia Of The Middle East And North Africa (Cambridge University Press, no price listed.)*

The *Middle East Contemporary Survey* is generally regarded as the standard reference work on current events in the area. It's designed for scholars, researchers, journalists and students. Most of the essays here were written by members of the Shiloah Institute of the Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University, and all deal with the year 1986. The Israeli editors are prominent in the field — Itamar Rabinovich and Haim Shaked.

Nearly 700 pages in length, with a full index, it's the last word in comprehensiveness. For convenience sake, MECS is divided into two distinct sections: current issues and a country-by-country survey.

Part one, in turn, is subdivided into several broad areas — 1986 in review, the Middle East and world affairs, Arab-Israeli relations, intra-regional and Moslem affairs, the Palestinian question and economic issues.

The country-by-country articles range far and wide, delving into matters often ignored or treated superficially by the daily press.

MECS is not a book you read in a week or a month, but over a year. You dip into it, delighting in its wealth of knowledge and wisdom. The editors and the contributors, as well as the publisher, deserve our thanks.

It's A-1.

The Cambridge Encyclopedia Of The Middle East And North Africa is simply superb. As the title suggests, it is exhaustive, encyclopedic. Flicking through this esthetically appealing volume, you'll find essays and notes on a dizzying variety of subjects: Moslem dynasties (from the Fatimids to the Hashemites), the origin of semitic languages, music and theatre in Israel, France's role in colonial Morocco, class formation in the Mideast, the changing status of women, the role of the media, modern trends in Islam, Jews under Islamic rule, the Mideast in the Western imagination, modern and medieval Hebrew literature and archeology.

The essays on the nations of the Mideast are informed and generally balanced. (Certain words and phrases on Israel may be questioned, which is not too surprising, given the fact that the advisory editor is Albert Hourani, an historian of Arab origin).

The book concludes with six incisive essays on the great powers and the Mideast, Islamic movements and institutions, inter-Arab relations, the Arab-Israeli dispute, the Gulf War and the Lebanese civil war as an international problem.

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While on assignment for the National Geographic in Africa, writer and photographer Robert Caputo began collecting material for what now appears in a sumptuous coffee table book, *Journey Up The Nile (Raincoast Books, $49.95)*.

To amass it all, Caputo travelled 4,000 miles. He started his trip in the Mediterranean delta of Egypt and finished it eight months later in Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda. Like the good traveller that he is, Caputo was infinitely curious and energetic. "Chance is the great allure of travel; remaining open to it is the great challenge."

The text is interesting, but it takes a back seat to the photographs, which are brilliant, both in the esthetic and technical sense.

There are 138 full-color photographs for the eye to scan and linger over, and one of the most striking is on the cover. It shows a woman, her skin as black as coal, ivory teeth set sharply against a smiling face, a metal-and-wood pipe protruding from her lower lip. In no way is it contrived or unnatural, and the lighting is just so.

As I glanced through *Journey Up The Nile*, I was struck by photographs of teeming Cairo, of a snow-clad rocky mountain peak on the border of Uganda and Zaire, of the lush Nile Valley, of a felucca near Aswan, of an ancient temple in Luxor, of the Blue Nile waterfalls.

Caputo has acquitted himself eminently well. He should put his talents to work elsewhere in the Middle East. He could start with Israel.

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David-Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, is one of the great figures of this century. Farsighted, stubborn and yet surprisingly flexible, he was the right man in the right place at the right time.

Shabtai Teveth's biography, *Ben-Gurion: The Burning Bush, 1886-1948 (Thomas Allen & Son, $19.95 paperback)* takes a reader from his birth in Plonsk to the year he declared Israel's statehood. It is a fine work of scholarship, having won the 1988 National Jewish Book Award.

Teveth's research is monumental; he examined practically every shred of documentary evidence related to BG's momentous life as a pioneer, politician and statesman. Its breadth and meticulousness is truly admirable.

We await volume II. If it's as good as this one, Teveth will surely be BG's definitive biographer.

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Naomi Cohen, a professor of history at Hunter College and City University of New York, has written an account of an almost forgotten episode — the 1929 riots in Palestine which claimed the lives of 130 Jews, eight of them American nationals.

The disturbances broke out as a result of a dispute at the Western Wall. But in fact, they were linked to the burgeoning clash between two diametrically opposed national movements, Zionism and Palestinian nationalism.

The Year After the Riots (Wayne State University Press, $24.95 U.S.) **is about U.S. responses, Jewish and non-Jewish, to the crisis.**

Jews, laboring under a climate of postwar isolationism and rank anti-semitism, were unable to mount an effective public relations campaign on behalf of the Yishuv.

In sharp contrast to the position of present-day America, the U.S. government was basically unsympathetic to Zionism. And the secretary of state, Henry Stimson, while shocked by Arab pogroms, was appalled by the "alienism" of Jews.

Cohen's book is a jolting reminder of the cylical nature of history.

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Now that the war between Iraq and Iran has been consigned to history, it is well worth reading Makid Khadduri's *The Gulf War (Oxford University Press, $36.50)*. **Khadduri, a distinguished historian, examines the conflict in the context of the contentious disputes that have traditionally pitted Iran against Iraq and Shiites against Sunni Moslems.**

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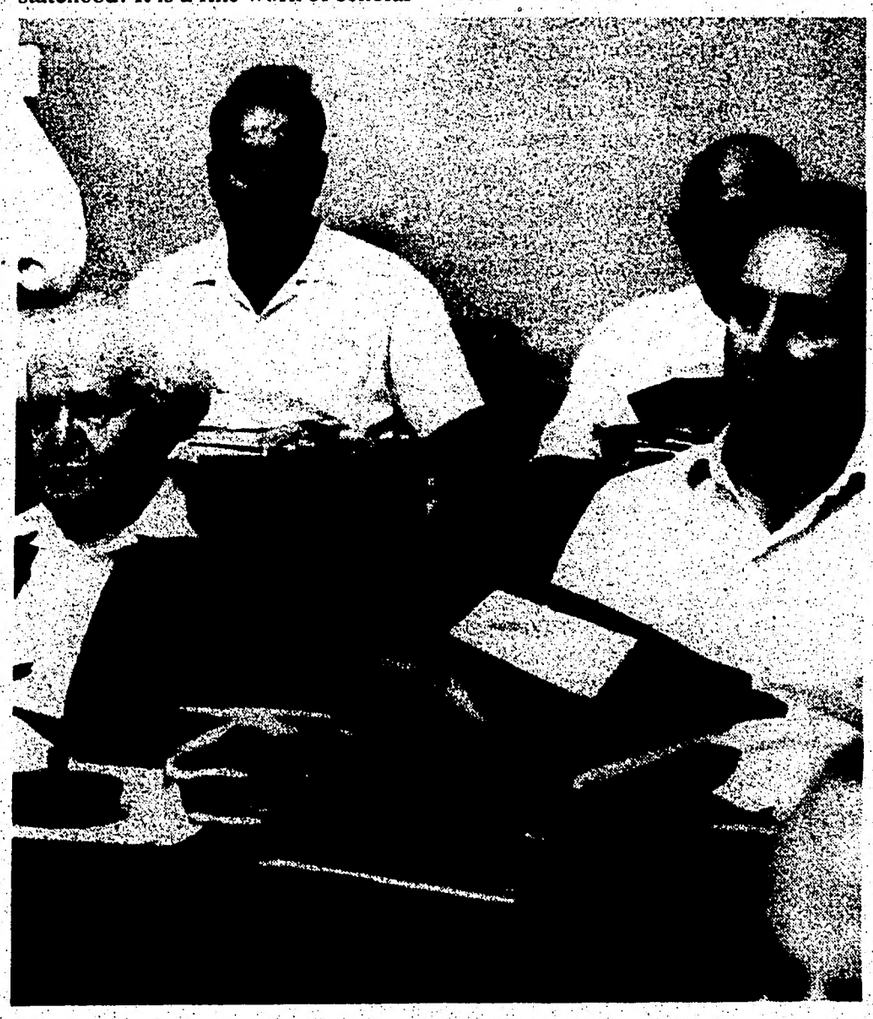
The concluding volume of S.D. Goitein's massive work, *A Mediterranean Society (University of California Press, $55 U.S.)*, is a sensitively rendered portrait of Arab Jewish communities as filtered through the medium of the Cairo Geniza.

Goitein's reputation as a first-class scholar is enhanced by this densely rich book.



David Ben-Gurion (left) seen with Shimon Peres in 1965.

Opinion

CJC Plenary both answers and raises questions

The 22nd National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress is now history and delegates, observers and other participants have returned to their respective communities, as CJC returns to the business of being a community spokesman. Canadian Jewish News Plenary reporters JANICE ARNOLD and DAVID LAZARUS in Montreal and JEFF ROSEN in Toronto look at the 3-day conference and offer their points of view.

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While, the triennial Plenary was well organized and upbeat as many issues were debated and questions answered, it has raised many others, among them the Plenary's locale, issues discussed and forums used to debate them.

Like the Liberal Party of Canada's tradition of alternating between English- and French-speaking leaders, Canadian Jewish Congress appears set in alternating its gathering between Toronto and Montreal.

While these cities remain the home of the majority of Canadian Jews, perhaps it is time for Congress to consider holding its conclave outside Central Canada if it truly wants to be the Voice of Canadian Jewry. After all, Canadian Jewry is not just Ontario and Quebec.

While it may not be financially feasible to move the Plenary all the way to Vancouver or Charlottetown, perhaps Winnipeg or Saint John, NB, could be considered.

At this year's Plenary, most delegates and observers found topics relevant and interesting. However, some felt cheated when they had to choose from a number of timely and relevant issues going on at the same time.

This occurred a few times, such as when forums on anti-semitism in Canada and Soviet Jewry were run concurrently or when education and multiculturalism were held at the same time.

How does one choose between an important issue affecting Canadian Jews and others affecting fellow Jews in other lands?

A few delegates objected to the importance placed on the first evening's plenum on the World Jewish Condition, which featured World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman as keynote speaker.

In its place, they felt the particular plenum should have been titled Canadian Jewish Condition and more emphasis put on Canadian issues.

When Canadian issues were featured, speakers often appeared to be lecturing to delegates, instead of Congress listening to their concerns.

Considering that delegates meet once every three years and often travel great distances to attend such events, perhaps more emphasis should be placed on what they have to say instead of just listening.

In one forum on the urgent problem of intermarriage, several delegates expressed disappointment that a task force on intermarriage lacked the involvement of those most likely to be affected by its report — students.

At yet another dealing with small communities, the very choice of speakers could, and was questioned. With two from Montreal and another from Edmonton — who was unable to attend the Plenary — Canadian Jewish Congress clearly missed its mark.

Following a lecture on fund raising by an Allied Jewish Community Services fund raiser, delegates from the small communities Congress is supposed to represent demanded the forum be changed to permit them to have a voice, claiming fund raising was not a relevant topic. One even went as far to suggest the meeting reconvene in another location if the forum could not be changed. However, it was!

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Still, for the first time, the Plenary process was not drawn out over the customary five days and there were few glitches, except for the occasional lame microphone.

Canadian Jewish Congress staff members could easily be identified — not by badges, but by their ubiquitous walky-talkies buzzing and squelching through the hotel's convention floor.

The presence of young people, as usual, helped liven up the generally perfunctory proceedings. They were among the first to line up behind the microphones at forums and even broke into spirited renditions of Am Yisroel Chai during WJC President Bronfman's speech and after the inaugural address by new CJC president Les Scheininger.

But there were no anti-Canadian Jewish establishment demonstrations or shouting of time for delegates to ask questions or shouting matches that bring life to the party.

A not ususual complaint heard at some of the plenums and forums was the shortage of time for delegates to ask questions and challenge the speakers once presentations were completed.

That sentiment, however, is almost as traditional as plenaries themselves.

The most conspicuous characteristic of the Plenary in fact seemed to be the absence of fervor or suspense that have been known to make these things real fun.

This in part was because the presidential post was not being contested, but it was also due to the fact that delegates and observers didn't seem in the mood to complain. They seemed quite content to schmooz, vote, and get on with the agenda of the Parliament of Canadian Jewry.

If anything, the Plenary seemed to be one of transition. The two top posts went from two women to two men, the presidential seat transferred from Montreal to Toronto, and most significantly the youngest leadership ever took over the reins of power.

One delegate (at least) complained that she felt that the Plenary seemed orchestrated to quell dissent on subjects like Israel by timing everything to the nano-second and allowing only brief question and answer periods.

But her sentiments did not appear to be shared by the vast majority of delegates and observers, who dutifully fulfilled their obligations as representatives of Canadian Jewry and seemed genuinely content to let the democratic process run its course.

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Inevitably there were complaints of lack of time for discussion, but, on the other hand, with a lot of speakers the problem of "dead air" or, worse, mike hoggers was eliminated.

Generally, the mood was congenial with none of the rancor often associated with major Jewish gatherings.

One major complaint was that the way resolutions were dealt with was inappropriate. There was confusion about procedure and no time to explain why certain issues were on the agenda.

Above all, the high-level, behind-closed-doors negotiations that have been going on for the past 1½ years between CJC and the National Budgeting Conference appeared to be a mystery to most delegates. The radical overhaul of CJC's mandate and its relationship with the federations being discussed by the joint task force is evidently unknown or of little interest to the average CJC participant.

That increases the likelihood that fundamental changes to CJC will proceed with little input from those Canadian Jews who see CJC as the Parliament of Canadian Jewry.

New CJC president Les Scheininger looks pleased with the T-shirt presented to him by the North American Jewish Students' Network at the 22nd National Plenary Assembly in Montreal. [Howard Kay photo]

Time for CJC to emphasize Canadian

By
ELAINE KAHN

I was taught three main things (over and over and over and over again) at the recent 3-day triennial Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary in Montreal: Jews outside Israel must not criticize Israel publicly (and private criticism is not so hot either), the situation for Soviet Jewry is improving and we must never forget the Holocaust.

You don't know how lucky you are to have spent a mere few seconds and the price of this paper to learn the same amazing things — and while being treated as a reasonably informed adult. The level of much of what I heard, or heard about, at the Plenary made me question the idea that the delegates were Jewish leaders — leaders do not need to rehash the basics so exhaustingly.

I don't even understand the concept of Jews forgetting the Holocaust. Gentiles can forget — they, more than we, need the speeches, the photos and films that make up the bulk of our remembrance efforts. But I am ready to move on, to something more personal and active (for starters, I need prayers and readings developed for my family to recite as we light our 6 yahrzeit candles at home for Yom Hashoa).

The new Soviet Jewry message came across loud and clear: send money and teachers to make those Jews who choose to stay in the USSR more Jewishly knowledgeable. Of course it would be nice if we also felt that passionately about making ourselves more Jewishly knowledgeable, but . . .

I end with Israel because maybe we have to end with Israel. As a sometime member of the backbenches (because, other than a few truly fringe people, dissent on Israeli government policy among Canadian Jews is backbench, not opposition, dissent), I was browbeaten enough in Montreal, listening to hours of talk about how we shouldn't talk, to now scream, "Okay, let's all shut up!"

Totally. No criticism and no praise. Because surely, as I heard writer Leon Wieseltier suggest in a March speech, if we don't know the inside situation of Israel enough to do the former, we have no right to the latter either.

With all the time, energy and resources saved by disbanding our various Israel action committees — even the Canada-Israel Committee, although I'd really hate to see it go — we could finally throw ourselves unreservedly into the domestic issues we've been ignoring or softpeddling. The economy, housing and the environment, child care, the future of health services and all the other concerns that we share with our fellow citizens. The CJC could change its name — to the Congress of Jewish Canadians, finally, and logically, putting the emphasis on "Canadian."

Before the Plenary, I had never questioned the need for a "Parliament of Canadian Jewry," as the CJC calls itself. But I came away wondering. If there are major Jewish issues it prefers not to discuss and generic Canadian ones it says it can't, then what is its point?

I mean, aside from making sure we know one musn't criticize Israel, things are better for Jews in Russia now and we mustn't forget the Holocaust.

But you may have already heard about that.

Intifada creates unease among Israelis

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

Since I refuse to turn off the TV when the evening news comes on, my wife leaves the living room. In recent weeks, at least, the avalanche of disturbing reports has been so overwhelming that she would rather not look and listen when they are recapitulated at 9 every evening.

It is not that the individual incidents have been of great significance in themselves. Only a handful of people were killed and a handful more wounded when crazed, knife-wielding Arabs ran amok on the streets of Israeli cities. And only a few hitchhiking Israeli soldiers have disappeared, been kidnapped and then murdered by Arab terrorrists.

Yet these incidents — as well as the rocks and Molotov cocktails thrown at Israeli vehicles on both sides of the 1967 border — have created uncertainty among those who wonder whether they will be in the vicinity when the next Arab runs amok, or whether their hitchhiking soldier son will be the next one to disappear.

Truth to be told, this sense of unease inside Israel — together with Arafat's triumphal tours of Western countries — are both significant achievements of the intifada, which, in Arab eyes, apparently justify the heavy price they themselves have paid in human lives and privation.

Economic costs for Israel have been heavy and extremely difficult to calculate, though they certainly have run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. For example: production has been lost by the absence of Arab workers; those Arabs who have shown up for work have sometimes sabotaged the produce they produce; markets for Israeli products in the administered areas have dried up; Arab-lit forest fires have had to be fought and new trees have had to be planted; and, finally, increased callups for reserve duty, averaging two months over the last year, have reduced the Jewish labor force.

Where economic costs are concerned, special mention should be made of reduced tourism. Not only are many potential tourists frightened off by media reports of the situation here, but the Arabs and their friends have done everything possible to increase the fear. For instance, I just saw a letter being circulated among academics by a pro-Arab Scandinavian scientist, who argues that the meeting of a major international scientific organization scheduled to be held here next year should be moved to another venue, both because it wouldn't be safe to meet in Israel and because the Israelis are persecuting Arab scientists.

In fact, as tourists who have visited recently will tell you, it is still safe here, certainly safer than many other parts of the Western world. But one can hardly blame potential visitors for lacking perspective when Israelis themselves tend to lack it as well.

When I first arrived in the country over 38 years ago, the situation — economically and securitywise — was far more difficult than it is today. People who complain about the problem of maintaining a car (or two cars) were then, for the most part, living in tin huts and subsisting on olives and CARE packages. And in the Negev settlement where I resided at the time, scarcely a night went by without shots being fired in the area by Arab terrorists (then called fedayin). But whatever the reasons — and the absence of anxiety-heightened television is probably the most important one — Israelis seemed to take things more calmly then than they do now.

Of course, it is possible to turn off the TV; turning off the anxiety, however, may be more difficult.

Opinion

Increasing demand for operation

Cataract surgery proves to be a real eye-opener

By
BEN ROSE

Shown removing a cataract and implanting an artificial lens is opthalmologist Dr. John Spencer operating at Queensway General Hospital. The surgery is done on an out-patient basis and patients go home the same day.

TORONTO —

Before I had a cataract removed and an artificial lens implanted, I couldn't find my way to the bathroom without my glasses. I couldn't make a move without them. I was Mr. Shortsighted himself. After all, I had been wearing glasses for 56 years.

Many years ago, like others whose vision is as bad as mine, or worse, I tried the eye exercises advocated by Aldous Huxley, but to no avail.

Soon after the surgery, my ophthalmologist asked me what I could see out of the operated eye. I couldn't believe it — I could read the smallest line on the eye wall chart — something I couldn't do before even with the aid of high power lenses. I was 20/20 or close to it on that eye. I think my heart skipped a beat or two, I was so excited. And I was on cloud 9 for the rest of the day.

More than 2 million Canadians (including me) have cataracts and a quiet revolution in eye surgery has changed the picture for the better.

Gone forever are the days when a cataract operation required the patient to lie still for weeks, his head lying between sandbags.

About 62,000 Canadians will have lens implants this year, following cataract removal, and they will be successful in 95 to 98% of the cases.

The cataract removal and lens implant is done in the same operation on an outpatient home-the-same-day basis.

While cataracts can occur at any age, they are most prevalent in people over 60. Almost half the men and women 75 to 85 develop them.

The lens implant is so popular that 85% to 95% of all people who are operated on for cataracts in Canada this year will have the artificial lenses inserted.

I had a cataract operation last May 31 (with an implant) and though I haven't thrown away my glasses, I'm wearing them less and less, except for reading at work and at home.

The most enthusiastic bosters for the operation are those who have had it — they act like members of an exclusive club. "I can drive a car again for the first time in five years," one told me.

It's a strange feeling, almost as if I'm undressed, when I sally forth without my glasses.

In the daytime, driving without glasses for me is a joy for I'm able to see more of the world and the colors are more vivid. However, at night, I do require my glasses because otherwise the eye with the implant reacts strongly to the headlights of oncoming cars.

A cataract is growing in my other eye and when it is "ripe" for surgery, I hope that an operation with lens implant in the second eye will result in a better balance of my vision.

In my case, I checked into outpatient surgery before 8 a.m. at Queensway General Hospital and was taken up to the operating room about an hour later. The surgery itself takes about an hour and as I was under a local anaesthetic I could hear the doctors talking. The surgery was pain-free. Following a brief session in the recovery room, I was taken back to outpatient surgery and was ready to be picked up and driven home by 2 p.m.

I wore a shield over the operated eye but it came off two days later when I saw Dr. John Spencer, my ophthalmologist, in his office. I was able to return to work on the fourth day, driving my car as usual.

In Dr. Spencer's view, the big increase in lens implant surgery is due to a combination of higher expectations for their lifestyle by senior citizens (including me) and an improvement in the techniques and materials used by eye surgeons.

The operating room microscopes are better, the sutures are better and the tiny plastic implants are better.

A common misconception is that lasers are used to remove the cataracts. Actually they are often sucked out as the surgeon uses an ultra sound suction machine that cuts and remove the cataract at the same time.

Lens foggy or clouded

Another misconception is that a cataract is a film over the lens of the eye. In fact, the loss in vision caused by a cataract results from the lens itself becoming foggy or clouded. The cause of cataracts is unknown though they are much more common among older people and they may be the result in younger people of an injury to the eye or a disease such as diabetes.

Cataracts used to result in patients wearing glasses so thick they looked like the bottom of coke bottles. The lens implant and contact lenses have eliminated the need for glasses in most cases, but for the few who still need them, the glasses are now much thinner and lighter.

Different surgical techniques are used in the operation. In from 80% to 90% of cases extracapsular surgery is done in which only the cataract is taken out, leaving the posterior capsule. One writer likened it to cutting an incision into a peach and removing the pulp while leaving the skin of the peach intact.

In 10% to 15% of cases the whole lens and all of its covering capsule are extracted. This was the only method used until a decade ago.

In the case of extracapsular surgery, there may be some clouding in 30% of the cases after two or three years, but this can be cleared up in the doctor's office with a high energy laser in a procedure that only takes five or ten minutes.

As the Canadian population ages, there will be more and more demand for cataract removals and lens implants and if experience to date is any guide, techniques and materials will keep on improving too.

Israel's tiny stretch of land is all the Jews have

By
CARL ALPERT

Arafat has no control over Palestinian extremists

HAIFA —

What are the arguments against Israel's policy? What are the questions that are seriously asked about the situation? Who really wants peace? I pinpoint some embarrassing and difficult questions and provide timely replies.

1. **The issue really is — land for peace.** I agree fully. Having achieved independent statehood in more than 20 countries following the world wars, the Arab nation should be prepared to surrender its claim on the tiny stretch of land once known as Palestine. It is all the Jews have. In return, Israel offers peace, economic development, higher standard of living, education and a golden era in the development of the Middle East. Arabs in the greater Land of Israel should have cultural, religious and ethnic rights no less than that, for example, afforded the French-speaking population of Quebec.

2. **The poor Palestinians.** Aren't they entitled to a state of their own, like everybody else? The best and most succinct reply is given by William Safire of the NY Times: "The pushed-around Palestinians are destined to have their state one day. But their state will not be Israel; instead, it will be the land on the East Bank of the Jordan, populated now mainly by Palestinians, but ruled by King Hussein and his minority of Hashemites."

3. **Arafat has declared that he recognizes the existence of the State of Israel.** Big deal! We exist, with or without his recognition. He does not say, however, that he accepts the legitimacy of the existence of Israel. He accepts its existence, as a fact, but reserves the right to change its composition, its government, its name, given the chance.

4. **Israel must sit down and talk to Arafat face to face if it wants peace.** After all, it's your enemies that you have to make peace with. This oft-repeated argument is deceptively misleading. Of course one makes peace with his enemies. That's why we were able to talk peace and reach an agreement with Sadat. But one does not negotiate with a murderer, with a terrorist whose hands are stained with the blood of innocent men, women and children who were victims of his raids on Israeli towns, buses and cars, his attack on Olympic Village and of his hi-jacking of ships and planes. That's the difference between Sadat and Arafat. And to think that otherwise enlightened nations appear to have been bamboozled or terrorized into dealing with him as a diplomatic equal!

5. **But maybe we're wrong.** What if Arafat has really changed his stripes and truly wants a peaceful state co-existing alongside Israel? Even if this were true (which is doubtful) Arafat has no control over the extremists whom he raised and trained. Abu Musa, head of one of these groups, constantly reiterate that "our aim is to liberate the entire land of Palestine . . . We will work from all fronts and from any place which allows us to reach Palestine. When the conditions are right, we will enter Palestine by air. We will not hesitate or relax." In the face of repeated threats like this, should Israel relax its guard and compromise on strategic defences?

6. **If Israel were to consent to the creation of a Palestine state with its own independent government, located between Israel and the kingdom of Jordan, it would defuse the intifada, permit the Arabs to play at statehood, and restore peace in the area.** Is this a serious argument? The situation in Lebanon gives us a good idea of what would happen in the new young state. It would become a battleground of conflicting parties, sects, militias and ambitious leaders. The extremists, knowing no scruples, would eventually seize control. The anarchy there would create what one political scientist has called a "hot border," along which the violence could not be contained. Given a foothold so close to Israel, several other Arab states, which are openly preparing for war with Israel, would grasp at this jumping off point.

7. **The Peace Now movement, compromising Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora, constitutes a voice of compromise and sanity.** To the contrary, Peace Now plays directly into the hands of the enemies. Leaflet 36 of the intifada underground leadership contains explicit praise for positions taken by Peace Now. It "salutes the position of the Peace Now movement and the democratic progressive forces in Israel, and their recent campaign of peace calls and slogans." This is a dubious endorsement. Meir Uziel, a columnist in Maariv, gloomily pointing out the danger of a new dreadful Holocaust against Israel, writes that this one will be more dreadful in this respect: "Jews will have collaborated and labored mightily and danced to help bring it about!"

8. **Who is attacking who in this part of the world?** Arab-owned cars with blue or white licence plates issued in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, can travel the roads of Israel without fear of rocks or Molotov cocktails. When Israeli cars, marked with their distinctive yellow plates, pass through Gaza or Nablus, or along roads by Arab villages, they are targets for flaming bottles or rocks which smash windshields and windows. Ironic note: Once again Jews are marked out for violence by yellow badges.

9. **There are some who do not hesitate to liken Israel's acts against rioters to acts of the Nazis against Jews.** The comparison is an odious one, but if one is drawing parallels, Israel might be likened to little Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Second World War. It was faced with the problem of a hostile German minority within its borders, and a mighty German force outside. Czechoslovakia yielded to international pressures and gave up disputed territory to "peace-loving" Germany. The rest is history.

10. **But if everything is as simple and logical as you say, why isn't the public, even the Jewish public, told these things?** Because some newspapers and some columnists and some editors think they know better what the public should be told, with the result that the point of view expressed here is not always given a full hearing — even in some of the Israel press or some Jewish papers overseas.

Opinion

Why the recent Congress Plenary worries me

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Last week's column dealt, once again, with the worldwide Jewish conditions that created the need for a unified Jewish voice in the councils of the nations, in the post World War I period.

J. B. Salsberg

In Canada that need was met adequately by the formation of the all-inclusive democratically-based Jewish Congress.

By and large that democratically functioning instrument, Congress, functioned well and its ongoing leadership respected and was guided by those principles of all-inclusiveness and the avoidance of domination by any of its major partners.

But the recently-held Plenary Assembly, the 22nd, that also marked the 70th anniversary of our Congress, left me with many concerns that I want to deal with.

The 22nd Plenary was good and encouraging by:

First, its attendance. Some 800 or more delegates, representing Jewish communities from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island.

Second, by the large number of women delegates who were visibly and actively involved in all areas of the activities.

Third, by the fairly large number of youth delegates from universities and the various youth organizations in the country.

But there were also some negative and, to me, worrisome manifestations at the Plenary. Here are some:

First, a sectional, or partisan approach to issues by many and to the traditional, unwritten law of all-inclusiveness in the election of officers to lead the Congress during the forthcoming three years.

The principal guideline of all-inclusiveness in the leadership seems to have been forgotten or ignored by a large, and perhaps majority of the assembled delegates. That, in my view, is a dangerous development.

In the not-so-distant past it was routine for the dominant sectors of Congress to approach the leaders of the minority groups at plenaries to make sure that they put forward their representatives for the leading offices in Congress leadership.

I recall the occasions when Congress leaders would urge Orthodox delegates to put forward their nominees for given offices. The same was done with the trade union delegates.

In other words, there was a consciousness of the principle of all inclusiveness of Congress. The absence of such awareness and orientation of the last plenum was most disturbing.

For instance: The Labor Zionists, the actual founders of Congress, and their much broader sector of popular supporters, will, as a result of the vote of this Plenary, not be represented in the leadership of Congress! Their one candidate for an officer's post, a prominent and meritorious Jewish educator and community leader, was defeated!

Thus, for the first time in the history of Congress not a single ideological heir of the founding fathers of Congress, the Caisermans and Brodys (Toronto) will be a part of the national leadership!

Is it, perhaps, because the Labor Zionists, the Farband and their considerable sector of associated bodies, have ceased to be a factor of any significance in our community? Of course not.

They count a few thousand of organized Canadian Jews in their basic organizations and many more thousands in allied and "friendly" bodies, in education, Histadrut, Pioneer Women, etc., etc. But they, because of the voting fashion of the last Plenary, will be totally outside the leadership of Congress. Mind boggling! (In the same manner my highly esteemed friend and veteran in the non-partisan leadership sector of Congress, David Satok, was not re-elected!!! Inexcusable!)

Also, for as long back as I can recall, there never was a sign of the Madison Ave. type of publicity for candidates for office at plenaries. This time there was. Electronic, flashing signs in the main lobby of the gathering! Was it illegal? No. But was it in the spirit and tradition of Congress? Definitely not. Or have I become old fashioned? Me?!

What troubled me also at the plenum was the visible absence of any planning or, maybe even awareness, of the total absence of the large sector of Jewish Orthodoxy (in which I include Lubavitch) from the Plenary. Yes, I know that no one would oppose any of that sector's representatives if they would want to be part of Congress. But what, if anything, have we done to win them for Congress?

And so, my highly esteemed readers, there is, in my view at least, good reasons for my characterization of the 22nd Plenary Assembly as "the best of plenaries and the worst of plenaries."

In conclusion: There is need for sober and objective evaluation of the last Congress' Plenary. The old, founding tenets of Canadian Jewish Congress are, in my view, as valid today as they were at the genesis of Congress. Any significant deviation from them will constitute a serious threat to the continuity of The Canadian Jewish Congress.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 175 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our readers. We reserve the right to edit and revise letters for the sake of clarity and length. Every letter must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signature.

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OBJECTS TO STORY

On the eve of the departure of my wife and myself to Israel, we are confronted with the headline in the May 11 edition of your paper, "Long hot summer of violence forecast."

At such a time when Israel is desperately crying out for more visitors, and more visible support from the Diaspora, how can your paper have the chutzpah to associate with the enemies of Israel to openly instil fear and terror in the minds of any prospective visitors to Israel?

In spite of your destructive and insensitive headlines, let me assure you, that you haven't intefered with our plans.

Aaron Black
Toronto

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AGREES WITH JB

Just a brief word of support for J. B. Salsberg and his stinging rebuke of the Agudat Harabonim movement in the U.S. (CJN May 11). Honestly, I know little about this particular organization, but their attitude toward Jewish women (and, by extension, all women), expressed by the contention that ". . . the voice of a woman is (equal to) nakedness" is simply shameful and says more about them than it does about women.

Why should a woman singing, particularly singing lyric songs at a Holocaust memorial, have any more to do with sex and nakedness than a chazzan reading from the Torah on Shabbat? This smacks of the medieval notion that women are "unclean," and puts the lie to all the ultra-Orthodox rationalizations that they don't dictate an inferior role for Jewish women, just a different one.

If a woman is fit to run and maintain a Jewish home, to pass on the message of Judaism to new generations, to be the very vehicle of the continuity of Judaism through matrilineal descent, then she is fit to be a rabbi, to pray at the Western Wall, or (at the very least) to sing a song in remembrance of those we have lost.

If the Agudat Harabonim and those of their ilk do not like it, they can stay home. I for one am tired of their hypocrisy and their misogyny.

Mark Shainblum
Montreal

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NO CONNECTION

With regard to your May 4 story on a minyan held by women in the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, it should be noted that *any* worshipper of the Shomrim Laboker Synagogue who attended these services has done so of her own volition, guided by her own ideas and precepts.

There is absolutely no connection between the above Orthodox synagogue and anyone who chooses to participate in women's services.

Both the rabbi and myself wish to make this point clear and emphasize strongly that we are not in agreement with such a service, nor do we condone its existence as part of the norm of tradional prayer.

I most certainly believe in equality for women: status, jobs, education and pay. But equality for services that have had a time-honored tradition for me . . . what for?

I, too, know the cantillations of the Torah and Haftorah, but I leave it to the men who have studied and rehearsed time and again since childhood, to chant them.

If these feminists are not totally satisfied with their role as women, I truly express my regrets.

The trouble today is that feminism has become masculine. As for me, I am content to sit in the women's section, in my new spring hat bedecked with flowers and ribbons (very feminine) and follow the experts when they intone the prayers and readings in their proper place and order to which I am accustomed.

Rabbanit Miriam Ben-Ezra Denburg
Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehudah
Shaare Tefillah Congregation
Montreal

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Yves Montand

YVES MONTAND IS JEWISH

To settle an argument with my girlfriend, would you tell us whether Yves Montand, the French film star, is Jewish. She claims he is.

Sam E. Kahn
Toronto

Editor's note: She's right. The 67-year-old, debonair actor-singer was born Ivo Levi in Italy, but moved to Marseilles to escape from Benito Mussolini and his Fascists. At 18, he was singing in French music halls and was lucky enough to become the protege of Edith Piaf, who helped him land an important role in the French film, Les Portes de la Nuit. His best known Hollywood film was Let's Make Love, in which he played Marilyn Monroe's lover. Off-screen, since their marriage in 1951, he made love with his wife, Jewish actress Simone Signoret.

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MISSED THE MARK

Sheldon Kirshner's May 11 review of Field of Dreams missed the mark.

This wistful, issues-oriented movie was designed to: inspire hope, point out the virtues of wish fulfilment, discuss the necessity for both love and forgiveness in our lives. The only two things required to appreciate this charming film were an imagination and some wistful acceptance. A must.

Vera N. Held
Toronto

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JEWESS REMINDS OF TIGRESS?

The recent writer to whom the word Jewess evokes the association of a tigress or a lioness needs a psychiatrist or a marriage counsellor. I am much more reminded of a "Jewish" Princess or Duchess or Countess.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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ARTICLE ON YOM HASHOA

I would like to commend J. B. Salsberg for his excellent article on Yom Hashoa (April 27).

Although my children and I lit our yahrzeit candles to commemorate the day, I felt that my children (ages 7 and 4) were still too young to understand the horrors that went on. I plan to keep Mr. Salsberg's article to show it to my children in a few years. He said it better than I ever could.

Carol Manilla
Willowdale, Ont.

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DISCONCERTING ILLITERACY

At the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly where resolutions on the subjects of 'notwithstanding clauses, 'distinct society' and the Meech Lake Accord were being debated at great length with heated passions, a most disconcerting form of political illiteracy reared its ugly head.

Because chairman Lee Cohen provided ample time to have CJC's problem with Canada's constitutional dilemma on these subjects examined closely by the delegates, our younger group of delegates attending this session demonstrated their disdain for the quality of attention and the ample time paid for scrutinizing the mechanics of Canada's political process.

One of these youthful people took to the mike to comment that far more important subjects to our Jewish community such as Jewish schools, synagogues, mikvahs, etc. remained to be given priority over political problems.

These young Jews and many others within our community, must be reminded of the "real reality," to quote Saul Bellow. It is a serious political interest and involvement which is not only the bottom line which permits and provides those human rights and liberties; but, participation in our country's political process is wherein lies the survival of our Jewish heritage and traditions.

Reuven Carin
Montreal

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WHY THE NDP?

In the article, "Canadian Jews and the federal election" (Viewpoints, CJN, April 27), Eugene and Rhoda Kaellis warn us about the alleged anti-semitic and anti-Israel leanings of the NDP.

One wonders why they have selected this political party to the exclusion of all others. Has not the Social Credit Party been represented by Jim Keegstra and his ilk? Did not a Liberal government, by preventing Jews from immigrating to Canada, abet the murder of thousands in the gas chambers of Europe?

And what of the present Conservative government's decision to begin formal diplomatic relations with the PLO?

Obviously, the beliefs that the Kaellis' attribute to the NDP are reflective of the entire political spectrum of Canada. If anything, the NDP, of all political parties, has pursued a more authentic Jewish agenda of concern for the poor and the weak, advocacy for human rights and justice tempered with mercy.

Michael Sobol
Vancouver

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PLO RHETORIC DUPES CANADA

Re Milton Harris' April 19 allegations on the Canadian Jewish stance towards Canada's recent upgrading of relations with the PLO.

In posing his "hard questions," Harris has assumed that a Palestinian state set up on land evacuated by Israel would be demilitarized under guarantees from the world powers.

Harris may be unaware that history has given strong precedents in support of Israel's refusal to accept a PLO state on its borders.

International guarantees and assurances did not prevent Egypt from raiding Israeli territory and closing the Straits of Tiran prior to both the Sinai campaign and The Six Day War.

Again, during the Yom Kippur War, neither the great powers, nor the United Nations, pressed for a ceasefire until Israel had taken the offensive against the Arabs.

Living in Canada , Harris is easily willing to compromise Israel's security. The Israelis are not, and at this stage, have not found justification to negotiate with an organization whose declared objective is the destruction of Israel.

While the Canadian government has been duped by the recent PLO rhetoric, it is my firm belief that the vast majority of Canadian Jews has not.

Aryeh Snitman
Chairman, Central Region
Network of Jewish Students
Thornhill, Ont.

Says external affairs department has given only excuses

Feld Carr blasts Ottawa on plight of Syrians

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Pleas by the Canadian Jewish community to the Canadian government to use its good offices to press for the emigration of Syrian Jews have fallen on deaf ears, Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, told the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

Carr said the Task Force has made repeated representations over the past four years to the department of external affairs that it ask the Syrian government to allow Syrian Jews to immigrate to Canada, but nothing has apparently been done. The Task Force has given external affairs the names of 15 unmarried Jewish women, one family and an unspecified number of male students who wish to come to Canada, she said.

The Canadian immigration department has granted them the right to enter the country, she said. Syria, however, has for many years not permitted its Jewish citizens to emigrate. There are 4,500 Jews in Syria today and Carr believes "99%" would leave if they had the chance. In desperation, some attempt to escape illegally, risking imprisonment without charge or trial, harsh interrogation and even torture.

Carr's Task Force supports efforts by Amnesty International to gain the release of Jews now held in prison for this reason.

Because most of those who do escape are young men, the community has a disproportionate number of single women. Carr said they are frequently forced into marriages to Moslems and conversion because they are regarded as chattel.

Carr said she has received only excuses from external affairs on why the government has taken no action thus far. She suspects a real lack of will.

"Canadian foreign policy is obsessed with human rights, as it should be. But there is tunnel vision; Canada is concerned about the Palestinians but ignores the rights of Jewish minorities in Arab countries."

The Jewish community itself is also not widely aware of the plight of Syrian Jews, Feld said, because it is given little public attention. She calls them "the forgotten hostages of the Jewish world."

Besides Yemen, Syria is the only Arab country today that does not allow Jews to emigrate, she said, even though Syria is a signatory of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, article 13 of which provides for free movment. The Syrian Jewish community numbered more than 40,000, but few of its members have been permitted to legally leave since 1956.

Immigration is not the only right denied Syria's Jews. They cannot vote or stand as candidates in any election, or work in government positions. Their mail from abroad is censored, and admission to university, travel abroad and disposal of personal property is severely.

The community depends on outside sources for Jewish religious books and objects, and there are no training facilities for rabbis.

Their activities are monitored by a special branch of the secret police, the Makhabarat, and the identity cards of all Jews indicate their religion, although this is not the case for Moslems and Christians.

Carr advised the community to write letters to Syrian President Hafez Assad and to his country's embassy in Washington. "You will get no answer, but at least the Syrians will know we are aware of what's going on."

The community can as well write to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, Immigration and Employment Minister Barbara McDougall, members of Parliament and UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cueller.

Above all, Carr pleaded for donations to The Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews from Arab Lands, c/o Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto M5P 3K3. The money is used to ship religious books, ritual objects and monetary support to the Syrian Jewish community.

Fight efforts to disown past: Klarsfeld

Jews urged to remain vigilant

By JEFF ROSEN

MONTREAL —

Beate Klarsfeld, renowned anti-Nazi activist, urged Jews to continue to be vigilant and prevent others from disowning their own Jewish identity, as well as that of Israel's, at the CJC Plenary plenum Confronting the Past Towards a Civilized Future on the eve of Yom Hazikaron.

Beate Klarsfeld

Klarsfeld, discussing her efforts to "try to put an end to Nazi cruelty" said that as a German, it would have been easy for her to remain silent about Nazi crimes.

However, she said, she continues to pursue Nazis because she feels a moral obligation to fight past injustices.

"Never has it happened a half century later where a criminal is pursued," she said. "For the first time in history there is a hope of justice."

One such case Klarsfeld outlined involves Nazi criminal Alois Brunner, who is suspected to be living in Syria. While Syria has denied his existence, Klarsfeld said she has been able to get the French government to issue a new warrant for his arrest.

Therefore, she said, she will find a way to bring him to justice.

As well, Klarsfeld said she has been relentless in following Austrian president Kurt Waldheim.

"I did not give up even when he was elected president," she said. "I have tried to go everywhere he has.

Klarsfeld said she is currently publishing a book dealing with gas chambers of Nazi concentration camps to fight history revisionists who claim they did not exist.

Rose Wolfe, chairman of Congress' joint community relations committee, said in opening the plenum that to remember the past was a fundamental Jewish experience.

"To confront events of the past 50 years is an emotional journey," she said.

Joseph warns of attempt to ban practice

Brit mila said to be threatened

MONTREAL —

An attempt will be made to ban circumcision in Canada in the next 10-20 years, Rabbi Howard Joseph predicted at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

Joseph, spiritual leader of Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, said signs already exist that feeling is growing in Canada that circumcision — including the Jewish brit mila — is inhumane, and be outlawed as ritual slaughter has been in Sweden.

The issue points to the need for the Jewish community to take Christian-Jewish dialogue more seriously, said Joseph, who is national chairman of the CJC Religious and Interreligious Affairs Committee and one of the few Orthodox rabbis taking a leading role in interfaith dialogue.

No effect felt

Although Jews and Christians have engaged in interfaith dialogue for decades now in Canada, generally with positive results, the recognition of the need for such talks has not filtered down to the average church or synagogue member, panelists at a forum on The Future of Christian-Jewish Relations in Canada indicated.

Joseph said Jews should know they have a "sympathetic ear" in the Christian communities, and the time may come when they will need the support of Christian friends.

Interfaith dialogue can only go so far because of the "failure" of mainstream Christian theologians to see Judaism as a "God-sanctioned, living religion, and not to see Jews as a remnant of a religion that has been superseded," said another dialogue pioneer, William Dunphy, a philosophy professor and principal of St. Michael's College in Toronto.

From the Jewish side, dialogue is hampered by the refusal of most Orthodox rabbis who see dialogue with Christians as something negative.

Dunphy noted another fundamental imbalance in Christian-Jewish dialogue: "Understanding Judaism is an essential part of being a Christian, but a Jew does not have to understand what it is to be a Christian to be a Jew."

Nevertheless, relations between Jews and Christians do not have to be restricted to religious dialogue, said Dunphy, a Catholic, who added that he is optimistic about the future.

Canada, he said, has been in the forefront of formal Christian-Jewish relations and it would be regrettable to "throw out the baby with the bath water" over "irritants" such as the building of a convent on the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Dialogue a faith obligation

German-born Heather Johnston of Hamilton, Ont., founder and president of the Canadian Support Association of Ecumenical Development Cooperative Society, said she regards dialogue as an "obligation of faith" and has been active because of a "sense of responsibility, shame and humility."

Unfortunately, most mainstream Churches continue to lack "theological humility," viewing any faith that does not believe in the primacy of Christ as "at best as a denial of truth and at worst a denial of our very Christian faith."

Nothing short of a "complete transformation" is required in Christian thinking, said Johnston, a Presbyterian.

Jews, she said, must also ask themselves whether it is appropriate in a modern society for men to continue to offer a daily prayer of thanks that they were not born gentiles or women.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai in Toronto said Jews have to "step out of isolation into a world where there is a special place for them...If Jews want to live in a sane world, there is no way they can desist from the task."

In the years ahead, interfaith dialogue may take on more ethnic overtones, with the Catholic interlocutors coming from Eastern European backgrounds.

— J.A.

Intra-Jewish tensions explored

MONTREAL —

It may not receive a lot of attention, but harmonious relations between Sephardim and Ashkenazim is essential to the health of the Canadian Jewish community, Canadian Jewish Congress vice-chairman Joseph Benarrosh said at the recent CJC Plenary Assembly.

At the forum entitled Sephardi-Ashkenazi Relations: Myths and Facts, Benarrosh said many Ashkenazim are under the false impression that Judaism is a monolithic religion. In Quebec, the gap between Sephardim and Ashkenazim is in danger of widening because of the language problem, said Benarrosh, who is Sephardi.

Frank Schlesinger, CJC Quebec Region honorary legal counsel, suggested that the current friction between the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities is due to three main reasons: the difference in cultural and linguistic background; the anxiety of the established Ashkenazi over the refusal of the Sephardi community to assimilate and their wish to remain different; and the fact that Sephardim speak French while Ashkenazim are fighting to maintain English language rights.

The establishment of Sephardi organizations run by Sephardim has been seen as a threat to existing institutions by some in the Ashkenazi community.

Despite these tensions, Schlesinger thinks the situation will improve in the future. "The youth are more tolerant of one another and hopefully they will live arm in arm together in friendship."

A past president of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec, Michel Chocron, said there is place for both communities to develop in their own ways, but each must not lose sight of the need to continue to work together for the greater good of the Jewish community as a whole.

"As long as there is the idea of mainstream Judaism, there will be tensions and frictions between the two communities."

Chocron warned that if Sephardim do not feel accepted, they could be lost through assimilation with non-Jews. They feel Ashkenazim are always questioning their accomplishments.

The Jewish Quiz

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3. What ceremonial objects are used during the Havdalah ceremony?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. By candlelighting and the recitation of special sanctification (kiddush).
2. Havdalah.
3. Wine, spices (besamim) and a twisted candle.

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In Soviet Union:

Assimilation predicted if Jewish life gets better

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Ironically, the increased normalization of life for Jews in the Soviet Union could also mean they will lose their Jewish identity, World Jewish Congress vice-president Isi Leibler asserted at a forum on Soviet Jewry at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

During a session entitled The Soviet Jewry Movement: Is It All-Over But the Shouting?, the reply was a qualified no.

All five panelists, which included former Refusenik Yuli Kosharovsky and human rights activist Irwin Cotler, extolled the remarkable progress of Soviet Jews under glasnost and perestroika.

But the optimism was tempered. Leibler said that anti-semitism and harassment united Jews, and that equal efforts must be undertaken to promote Jewish identity and culture in the USSR and aliya to Israel.

The alternative — a mass migration to places other than Israel — would be nothing more than "transferring one Diaspora to another," said Leibler.

"Jews of course have the right to go anywhere, but they do not have to use our resources," he said.

Leibler predicted that within six months all Soviets will enjoy a "form" of free emigration.

But there are still "inconsistent abominations" in the Soviet system, he said, and genuine normalization won't be reached until all 2,800 remaining Jewish Refuseniks are given the go-ahead to leave.

Leibler said action to "nurture" Jewish culture and aliya must begin now, and the campaign should be spearheaded by Soviet Jews in Israel.

The threat of assimilation among the USSR's millions of Jews could become the "greatest crisis" facing Jewry and all the more tragic because the unprecedented opportunity to cultivate Jewish cultural institutions is knocking now.

"This is the potential second miracle for Soviet Jews," he said. "Twenty years ago no one would have believed it."

Cotler was also enthusiastic about the progress achieved but issued a stern exhortation against complacency at "the threshold of making history."

The McGill University law professor said the Soviet Jewry movement was entering a second phase in which their future "will be determined not by what the USSR does, but what we do."

He reiterated his seven "verification measures" that should include the right to emigrate and to have religious and cultural freedoms "not as policy, but as law," and which should also include a repudiation of Soviet sponsorship 13 years ago of the United Nations "Zionism equals racism" resolution.

The measures should also include compensation for wrongly imprisoned Refuseniks and disclosure of the status of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who helped thousands of Jews escape Nazi oppression.

Kosharovsky's message to the forum was that two "tasks of our time" now should dominate the Soviet Jewry agenda.

The first is to bring accurate information to Soviet Jews about Israel so they can make an informed decision about whether to emigrate there or not.

The other was that while 500,000 Jews wish to leave the USSR, 2.5 million do not and "we must take care of these Jews," Kosharovsky said, by restoring Jewish national institutions and culture. "They must remain Jews not only according to their passports, but conscience."

Alan McLaine, director general of the Soviet and East European bureau in the department of external affairs, cited the advances due to Canadian pressure and advocacy and praised the role of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The progress is seen in no further cases of reunification, most political prisoners released and a Vienna document that permits Canada to verify compliance by 35 nations of the Helsinki Final Act.

McLaine voiced optimism about the future and felt Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was sincere in his programs, but "we should listen carefully to what he says and hold him to his word," McLaine said.

New York Israeli consul Shmuel Shenhar felt the USSR and Israel were close to restoring official diplomatic ties.

He also called for continued efforts vis-a-vis Soviet Jewish culture and aliya, and praised dissidents like Natan Sharansky, "who did not go through all those troubles just to be better off in Miami."

He credited the Jewish activists in the USSR as largely responsible for the progress since "they were ready to make the sacrifice and we helped them."

"There would have been no advocacy movement without them," Shenhar said.

The forum was moderated by CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose.

Resolution backs rights for Jews with disabilities

By
JEFF ROSEN

MONTREAL — Jews with disabilities may be granted greater rights and opportunities if a resolution approved at Canadian Jewish Congress' 22nd National Plenary Assembly is implemented.

At a resolutions plenum, delegates discussed and approved a motion designed to provide "a declaration of communal rights for Jewish disabled persons living in Canada."

Once in place, this declaration would be distributed to all CJC offices and other Jewish organizations across Canada which would then be responsible for implementing the described rights.

The declaration would also see a national coordinator of services to disabled Jews appointed and staff members designated at the local level who would promote the "full and equal participation" of disabled Jews.

The declaration states that every disabled Jewish person has the right:

- To full and equal participation in all facets of Jewish communal life in Canada.
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- To participate fully in religious services and other rituals.
- Every disabled Jewish child has the right to full participation in Jewish religious, language, cultural and educational programs in the least restrictive environment appropriate to his or her individual needs.

Congress establishes national education body

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress has entered the field of Jewish education in a formal way with a decision to establish a national education committee which is to initiate and coordinate joint activities with all major national and local organizations involved in Jewish education.

The resolution passed at the Plenary Assembly adds that the CJC will not infringe on the independence and autonomy of Jewish schools and boards of education.

CJC has had a national education and culture committee under the acting chairmanship of Sandra Brown of Toronto, but its activity has been limited.

CJC also plans to try to establish a Canadian Council for Jewish Education, composed of professional Jewish educators and lay leaders whose representatives will also be on the National Education Committee.

The committee will be particularly concerned with providing Jewish educational services to small communities. It will lobby welfare funds for additional allocations to Jewish supplementary schools (those that hold classes after regular school hours or on weekends) and to programs ensuring that lack of money will not prevent a child from getting a Jewish education.

The committee hopes to set up a national scholarship fund bearing the name of a great Israeli or Canadian Zionist leader, which will be awarded to deserving young people who want to pursue a career in Jewish education.

The committee will also encourage the development of multicultural curriculum materials, including a Jewish educational component, for use in public schools.

As with all other resolutions at the Plenary Assembly, it will be the decision of the CJC national officers whether any funds or staff will be allocated for the education committee.

At a forum on What Can a National Education Department do for Canadian Jewry, Boston Hebrew College president Samuel Schafler said that, as in the United States, there is a need in Canada for a national Jewish education agency that advocates for Jewish education in general without any bias towards any particular denomination or orientation.

"We need an eloquent voice for the Jewish child, the unhyphenated Jewish child and his parents....Parochialism is the road to divisiveness and strife."

Such a national agency would be valuable in the recruitment and training of teachers of Jewish education. And among principals of Jewish schools it could create an "esprit de corps" that would contribute to a better atmosphere.

Schafler said the "big issues" facing Jewish education today are: how to instill a sense of pride and unity in Judaism, how to communicate a sense of value, and how to build bridges in Jewish life to overcome factionalism.

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World-National

PLO's admission to the WHO postponed to May 1990 meeting

GENEVA (JTA) —

The deferral recently of the Palestine Liberation Organization's bid for full membership in the World Health Organization (CJN May 18), has severely diminished its chances for admission into the other United Nations agencies to which it planned to apply, according to political observers here.

The 166-nation World Health Assembly, the WHO's governing body, voted 83-47 to postpone consideration of the PLO's application for membership as a sovereign state for one year — until its next annual meeting in May 1990.

The vote was one of the rare occasions when an American-led initiative against Palestinian aspirations was supported by the Soviet Union and China.

Soviet diplomats explained privately that Moscow believed that American peace efforts in the Middle East should be given a chance to work.

Other Eastern European delegates, who followed the Soviet lead in the vote, said they did not want to jeopardize the current American dialogue with the PLO.

Thirty countries, Israel among them, abstained or were not present for the vote.

The head of the Israeli delegation, Health Minister Ya'acov Tsur, explained that Israel abstained from voting to postpone the issue because "we cannot agree to have it re-examined next year."

Nevertheless, Tsur called the outcome "a great relief and a great victory."

But he warned Israelis that it "does not mean many of the member states, including most Western European countries, have changed their stand in favor of Palestinian self-determination."

PLO leader Yasser Arafat blamed the Americans for the Palestinian defeat and accused the United States of resorting to "cheap blackmail."

The United States had, in fact, served notice that it would withhold its assessed $73.8 million contribution to the WHO's fiscal 1990 budget if the PLO were admitted.

That announcement created a crisis atmosphere when the World Health Assembly meeting opened here on May 8.

The American contribution represents about a quarter of the WHO's budget. In addition, the United States is the largest source of voluntary contributions to the agency's special programs combatting AIDS, tropical diseases and diseases fatal to children.

Arafat insisted that the "Palestine state" will continue to seek admission to other specialized UN agencies.

These include the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the UN Food and Agricultural Organization, the International Labor Organization and the International Telecommunications Union.

But observers believe the PLO's chances are doomed, at least for the time being, by the setback in the WHO.

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Comptroller hits all sectors

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porath submitted one of the most critical annual reports on the government and the public sector to be written in recent years to the Knesset last week. The retired Supreme Court justice also announced that she had found evidence of possible criminal offences.

The 39th state comptroller's report, covering the last two years, cites numerous violations of the law, and many instances of negligence, politicization of the economy, election fraud and disregard of the public's interests, finances and health.

The comptroller revealed at a press conference that she had asked Attorney-General Yosef Harish to investigate "between eight and 10" cases of suspected crimes. She said Harish had promised her that these investigations would be given priority.

In presenting the report, however, Ben-Porath said that besides the many shadows over public administration, "there were also many lights." She added that when compared with other countries, Israel's government and public sector was "not bad." When she came to office 10 months ago she "hoped for the better but was prepared for worse."

The 1,084-page report states that there were clear violations of the rules of ethics by such bodies as the Haifa municipality and the Leumit and Meuhedet health funds, which "cooked" their books in an attempt to mislead the officials who supervise their activities and channel taxpayers' money to them. Ben-Porath said such practices had to be wiped out.

The report shows that politicians, first and foremost, took care of the members of their own parties, mainly those on the central committees. The report cites many instances in which party membership was the main criterion for a civil service appointment. A separate report released by the comptroller showed ministers from both major parties were busy appointing their party colleagues to the boards of directors of government corporations.

Cantors say no

KIAMESHA LAKE, NY —

The Cantors Assembly last week again rejected a proposal to amend its by-laws to admit as members women who have been granted the diploma of Hazzan by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The vote was 108 to 82 in favor of admission — 19 less than the two-thirds majority needed for passage.

The balloting took place at the 42nd annual convention of the world's largest body of Hazzanim, which is affiliated with the Conservative movement.

A similar motion to admit women cantors failed to win a simple majority at last year's convention by a vote of 95-97.

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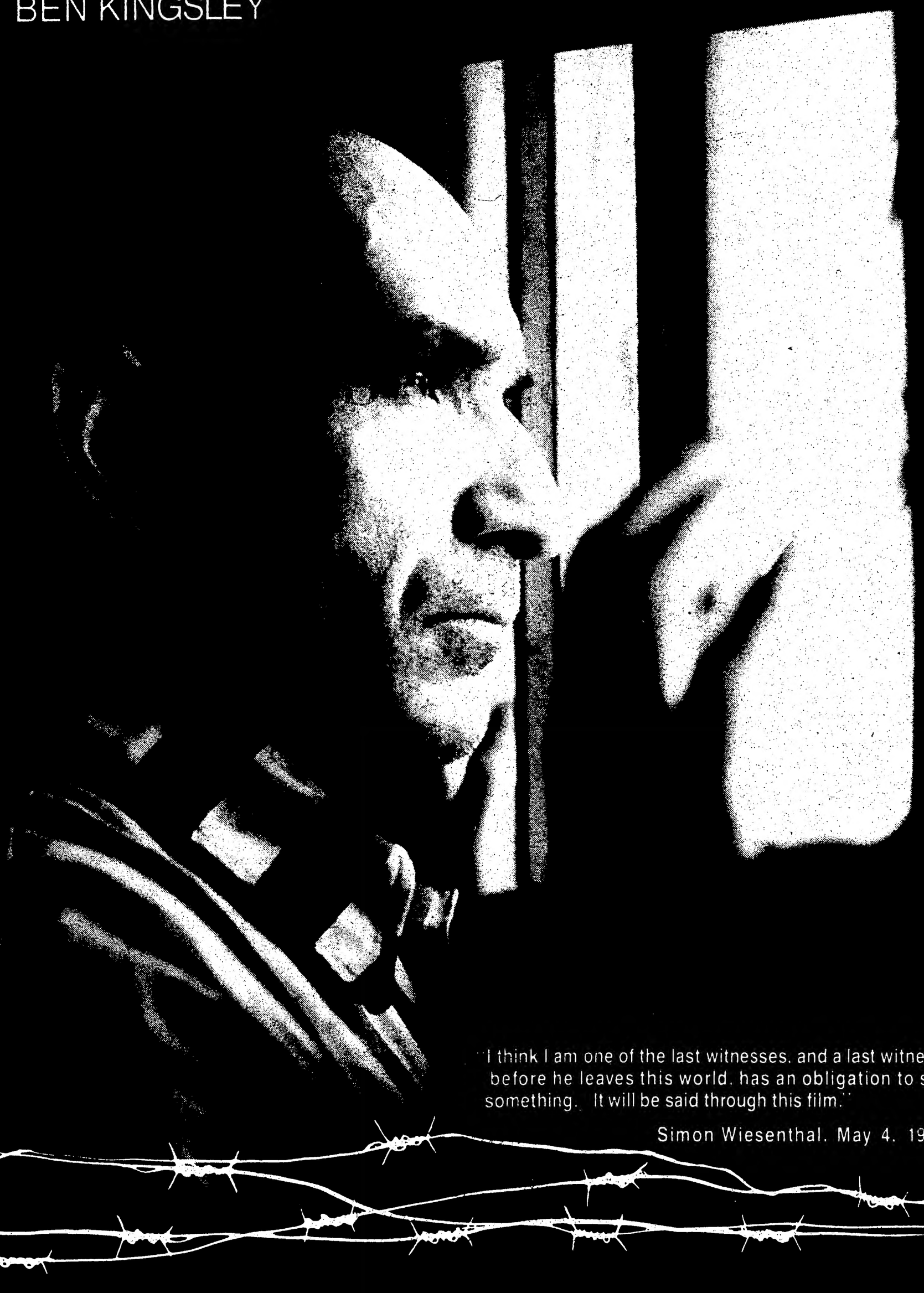

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Laforet named GM; Lucow to BC

Rucker returning to CJN

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"I feel I'm coming home."

Gary Laforet, 38, is also a native of Windsor, Ont., and studied journalism at Centennial College in Metropolitan Toronto.

Married with three children, he joined The Canadian Jewish News as a reporter in 1972, was named production manager in 1973 and business manager in 1978.

He has served on the Journalism Advisory Board of Centennial College and — as art director of a CJN fashion supplement — received a Certificate of Merit in the 1987 Printing Industries of America graphic arts competition.

"As well as being a good newspaperman, Gary is a financial and technical wizard," says Lucow. "He supervised our transition to computerization and in almost no time at all was able to solve the many technical problems arising from the use of computers.

Gary Laforet

Patricia Rucker

Maurice Lucow

"He has run the business side of the paper with great skill and thanks to him The CJN is operating on a sound financial basis."

Maurice Lucow, a former Winnipegger who came to Toronto almost 40 years ago — "I was swept along here by the Great Winnipeg Flood of 1950," he says — was employed for nine years as public relations director of the United Jewish Appeal before taking over the editorship of The CJN and before that was a Maclean Hunter editor/publisher for 16 years. In his early days of journalism he worked on The Winnipeg Free Press, the Winnipeg Western Jewish News, Jewish Post of Winnipeg, the Victoria Colonist and operated his own community newspaper and printing plant.

The present move to Victoria, Lucow said "is the first phase of my retirement program," and he stressed that the transfer was "completely voluntary. The management let me work well past the normal retirement age and when I suggested last August that I retire from the editorship to take on a less strenuous job, Ray Wolfe agreed with my idea to take on the task of developing more coverage from the West — especially British Columbia, which now has the third largest Jewish population in Canada.

"This arrangement," he added, "will ease me gently into retirement rather than just be cut off from a hectic 50-year career in the newspaper business."

Why Victoria? "Because it's the capital of BC, it operates at a much more leisurely pace than Vancouver and it's only 20 minutes away by air from Vancouver, or three hours on the ferry. There's only a small Jewish community there but it's building — and a Jewish Community Centre is scheduled to open this summer.

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Serious obstacle to Shamir plan brewing inside Likud ranks

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most serious obstacle to the Prime Minister's ideas is the revolt brewing in Likud ministerial ranks.

They share the view of the extreme right-wing parties and the Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that the offer of elections and self-rule to the Palestinians in the territories is a recipe of disaster for Israel.

Sharon, who is minister of industry and trade, has announced he will convene the Herut central committee next month to seek a grassroots rejection of the Plan.

Shamir conceded that the plan harbors risks for Israel, but he insisted that these were outweighed by its promise.

The plan was authored by Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a Laborite, in close collaboration with Foreign Minister Moshe Arens of Likud and Vice-Premier Shimon Peres, who chairs the Labor Party and serves as finance minister.

It is a bipartisan undertaking, but the two coalition partners do not see eye-to-eye on serveral key issues. These include the eligibility of East Jerusalem Arabs to vote, opposed by Likud but favored by many in Labor.

While opposition to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's peace initiative from within the Likud was increasing last week, Rabin began promoting the plan in the West Bank.

At the same time, Arens, on the eve of his departure for a 10-day trip to the U.S. and Europe, unveiled a new proposal when he urged Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to agree to a meeting with Shamir in the U.S. President George Bush might also participate.

Likud sources said the perceived success of Arens' trip could be pivotal in the attempts to contain the formidable opposition to the Shamir initiative within the Likud.

That opposition heightened before the Knesset vote as 30 right-wing Knesset members published an attack on the initiative.

In a full-page advertisement pulished in the Hebrew-language daily Ma'ariv, the group — which calls itself "The Greater Israel Front" — charged that "elections now" would constitute "submission to terror," would lead to "a historic relinquishing of our right to rule over western Israel," and would "usher in a Palestinian state in the territories." The ad was also signed by Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

In an attempt to allay their concerns, Shamir told the Likud Knesset faction that East Jerusalemites would not be allowed to vote and that Israel would decide who could vote and who could stand for election.

He also pledged there would be no elections, indeed not even preparations, as long as the Palestinian uprising continued.

But the Prime Minister was much less specific in his formal Knesset speech, which has the status of an official government document.

He made no reference to East Jerusalem eligibility, nor did he say categorically that the uprising must stop before the electoral process begins.

He promised only that there would be "no violence during the implementation" of the plan.

BBW to honor Dr. Joan Bain

MONTREAL —

Dr. Joan Bain of Toronto will receive the B'nai B'rith Women of Canada Achievement Award at the organization's Biennial National Convention here May 28-30 at the Delta Hotel.

Bain, who will receive the award at the opening banquet, Sunday evening, is being honored because her achievements have advanced the role of women in Canada today, said awards chairman Ruth Katz of Montreal.

The honoree is the immediate past president of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and was the first female to serve in this capacity. She is the chairman of the National Advisory Council on Family Medicine Training and is in general practice with her husband Dr. Stan Bain.

Bain is currently the chairman of the Ontario Medical Association Special Committee on Wife Assault. In 1988, she was the co-chairman of the Metro Toronto Coordinating Committee Against Wife Assault and an assistant professor at the department of family and community medicine at University of Toronto.

The installation dinner and ceremony will be held Monday evening at which time the outgoing executive led by president Ruth Rose of Toronto will be honored for its achievements and contributions to B'nai B'rith Women of Canada during their term of office. The national executive board for 1989-91 will be installed with Marcia Schwartz Gurman of Montreal assuming the presidency.

On Tuesday there will be a workshop led by Ruth Flicker entitled Thriving on Chaos, followed by the closing tribute luncheon honoring Montreal Chapter on its 50th birthday.

The community is invited to attend any or all of these events. For registration information call Helen Singer at (514) 483-5224 or the B'nai B'rith Women of Canada office at (514) 487-2330.

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"Responsibility of state to provide education"

Bishops support public aid for private schools

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a pastoral letter which expresses the church's support for government aid to alternative schools.

The pastoral letter on Catholic education in Ontario, called This Moment of Promise, states the bishops "have publicly committed ourselves to support the concept of the development of alternative schools for people of other faith communities."

Expanding on the pastoral letter, Father Dennis Murphy, director of the Institute for Catholic Education in Ontario, told The CJN that the bishops have "always spoken of the primacy of parental role in education.

"Because of a belief in that principle, we believe as long as numbers justify it, the responsibility of the state is to provide that education."

Murphy pointed to a 1984 statement by the Pope while visiting in Newfoundland that stated Canadian parents' rights include "a real possiblity to choose, without undue financial burden placed upon them, appropriate schools and educational systems for their children....Society is called to provide for and support with public funding those types of schools that correspond to the deepest aspirations of its citizens."

Murphy said the pastoral letter, representing the thoughts of 28 Ontario bishops, did not mark a real change from previously stated Catholic policy. In hearings before government committees, representatives of the church have "directly or indirectly alluded to these rights" for Catholics and others, he said.

Welcome gesture

The Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, the Jewish community's lobby group for public financing for Jewish schools, lauded the pastoral letter.

Segal, chairman of OJAEE, called it "a very welcome gesture" from a group with "a degree of moral suasion in the province....We hope this will help government realize that society see that you can't discriminate against segments of the population."

Under provincial law, confirmed by a decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, only Catholic schools among independent schools are entitled to receive full government funding for their students' education.

Jewish groups, which continue to lobby provincial politicians to change the policy, argued that withholding government funding for Jewish and other schools violated the equality provision of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In its judgment, the Supreme Court said the practice was justified because the constitutional bargain entered at Confederation, which allowed funding for Catholic schools in Ontario and Protestant schools in Quebec, was not superceded by the Charter.

Eagleson named top sportsman

TORONTO — Alan Eagleson — the "Eagle" — has been named Sportsman of the Year by the Jewish Community Centre and will be honored at the Centre's 5th Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner at the Constellation Hotel on June 13.

As in past years, the dinner will feature a number of sporting greats. Sharing the dais with Eagleson will be co-masters of ceremony Brian McFarlane and Harry Neale, both commentators on Hockey Night in Canada.

Also at the head table will be National Hockey League president John Ziegler, former hockey stars Dennis Hull (the booming shot), Paul Henderson (the winning goals), Mike Walton (the "Shaky" one), Mike Palmateer (the sprawling goaltender) and former Olympic Basketball coach Jack Donohue.

Alan Eagleson

Eagleson, a native of St. Catharines, Ont., vaulted into public prominence when during the 1972 NHL-Soviet hockey superseries, he gave the Moscow crowd the famous finger and had to be escorted from the ice by members of the Canadian team.

In more recent years, he has been a fixture at international hockey confrontations. He has been instrumental in organizing the Canada Cup tournaments (the true world championships) and negotiating on behalf of the NHL players association, of which is he executive director.

He was seen shedding tears when Mario Lemieux popped in the winning goal to cap off the the 1987 Canada Cup tournament, which the home side won, in case you had forgotten.

Eagleson was an integral force behind the formation of the NHL Player's Association in 1967 and has represented hundreds of players in contract negotiations.

The Sports Celebrity Dinner is a major fund raising event for the Toronto JCC. The proceeds from the dinner underwrite improvements of the athletic facilities at the North Y, the Bloor Y and the North East/Valley Branches.

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Organizations and People

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bichukotai

We are just people, not angels — the important thing is to be a mentch.

Rabbi Israel of Rizhen was a holy man who ate hardly anything. His diet consisted of a few spoonfuls of food, which he salted heavily so that he derived no pleasure.

Rabbi Gottesman

Once he visited his *mechutan*, the Rabbi of Kosov, and a great meal was prepared for the two men. Rabbi Israel ate his usual sparse spoonfuls while the Kosover ate normally.

"*Mechutan*," asked the Kosover, "why do you eat so little?"

Explained the Rizhener: "Before I came down to earth, I made an agreement with my body. 'Body,' I said, 'the only way I will enter the world is if you agree to get by with just the bare minimum to keep you alive. Otherwise, I will stay in Heaven.' My body agreed, and that is why I eat so little."

Upon hearing this, the Kosover Rebbe pushed his plate away.

Greet angels

"But why do you not eat?" asked the Rizhener.

Answered the Kosover Rebbe: "Now I understand why on Friday night, we greet the angels who escort us home by reciting 'Shalom Aleichem, Welcome, ministering angels!' But immediately after we send them away: 'Tzaytchem l'shalom, Goodbye, angels!'

"Why do we dismiss them so quickly? But it is impossible to eat at the same table with an angel!" (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

* * *

What does the Almighty want from us? Not to be angels, but to be good human beings. To do the right thing. To know what is right and decent and to do it.

The parsha begins: "*Im bichukotai taylaychu* . . . If you will walk in my statutes . . . then I will give you rains in their season . . . and ye shall eat your bread until ye have enough, and dwell safely in your land. . . ." (Vayikra 26:3-5)

Strange! The Torah promises instant reward. "If you will walk in my statutes . . ." then all good things will come!

But it is difficult to understand. We know that the Almighty does not reward a mitzvah in this world but the next world. This world is too small, too quick and too pathetic for reward.

But the commentator Rashi adds an explanation: "*She'thiyu amaylim baTorah* . . . You must labor over the Torah!"

Receive reward

Aha! It is not for Torah that we receive the reward, but for the labor and struggle and sacrifice. Sometimes you must pay a heavy price for being a decent Jew. You must *amayl*, must labor, must struggle *to do the right thing*!

The biggest test is . . . money. Promises the Torah: "Ye shall eat your bread until you have enough, and you will dwell safely in your land. . . ."

What does bread have to do with safety and peace? Explains the Arona shel Yossef — When there is enough bread and everyone prospers, there is peace. But when two Jews fight over a piece of bread, over a piece of action, over a share of the business, over the next customer, the next real estate listing — then there is no peace.

There is no peace when Torah stops, and ethics stop at the cash register. When, in order to make a living, anything goes. Neglect tenants. Invade someone else's livelihood. Drop prices to the ankles. Cut throats. Stick to the letter of the law, show no mercy, struggle over company control and wash dirty linen in public.

No. No. . . . No! No! No! A Jew must *live* by Torah. *Amayl* by Torah, *do the right and ethical thing* by Torah.

For when you are good, you are blessed, and when you are bad you have nothing, *nisht dem velt, nisht yenem velt*: not this world, not the next.

Shabbat Shalom.

Says Ont. community faces overt anti-semitism

Slavens warns of threats to Jews

MONTREAL —

The rate of change in Ontario's Jewish community is "unprecedented," and some of these changes are a direct threat to Jews no matter where they live, Eric Slavens, the new chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, told the recent CJC Plenary.

In accepting the position, Slavens told members of the Ontario caucus that the province's Jews face "very serious challenges. Times are changing. Unfortunately, some of the changes we are facing are direct threats to us as Jews, whether we live in Ontario or in Israel.

"We are witnessing changes in Canadian and world opinion. There is a shift taking place and we all feel the sand slipping away under our feet," Slavens said.

Slavens was acclaimed chairman. He replaces Charles Zaionz, who is now a national vice-president from Ontario.

In his acceptance speech, Slavens paid tribute to Zaionz, under whom he was regional treasurer, and to the past chairmen under whom he served in various capacities: Sam Filer, Mira Koschitzky and Les Scheininger, who is now national president.

Threats to Jewish well-being occur in many forms, Slavens said: overt acts of anti-semitism, "dangerous" forces affecting youth in schools and universities, increasing pressure on Jews living in smaller communities throughout Ontario and a shift in relations between the West and Israel.

"The days when Israel was the darling of the Free World are over. We must recognize that, and act accordingly. It won't be easy, particularly since there are many differences of opinion within the Jewish community itself.

"It is incumbent upon us, the leadership of the Jewish community in Ontario, to address each of the challenges to our constituency. We must be representative of the broad spectrum of Ontario Jewry and work diligently to find consensus on all issues."

Slavens said he is anxious to implement the findings of the Task Force on Assimilation, Intermarriage and Jewish Identity, whose report spelled out recommendations on ways to combat those trends.

He added that Congress is looking forward to working with the regional office of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Eric Slavens

"We must also work to develop the next generation of leadership for Canadian Jewish Congress. I want to rejuvenate our Young Leadership Program as soon as possible."

Slavens expressed his desire to improve the region's ability to communicate its function to the community in Metro and especially to smaller communities.

"Because of the opportunity to work with our most capable staff, under the direction of (executive-director) Dr. Yehuda Lipsitz and with other community leaders, I am personally very excited about the next three years," Slavens said.

Hospice plan clears 1st hurdle

By
PHIL FINE

NORTH YORK, Ont. —

Bikur Cholim has cleared the first hurdle in its proposal to set up a hospice here.

North York's planning advisory committee has okayed the organization's plan to convert a house at 506 Coldstream Ave. into apartments. All that remains is for city council to approve the plan at its regular meeting June 28.

A voluntary organization, Bikur Cholim maintains an apartment near Mt. Sinai Hospital for out-of-town visitors or for people who on Shabbat must be close to those in hospital.

The new facility, which would accommodate up to four families, would relieve overcrowding downtown, says Bikur Cholim spokesperson Arlene Margolis.

Given council's approval, the hospice could be ready in two months.

Margolis says she doesn't think anyone will oppose the plan at the council meeting.

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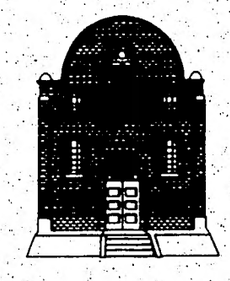

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New ideas needed: Sewell

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — New coalitions and fresh ideas are needed to fight the urban problems that Torontonians will be facing in the 1990s, says former Toronto mayor John Sewell, who spoke recently at a public meeting at the Bloor St. Jewish Community Centre.

Today's urban problems, such as the growing disparity between rich and poor, the housing crisis, and environmental concerns "have one shared characteristic: they are all large," he said at the JCC's City Forum.

"They do not have neighborhood scale. Most of them do not exist within a single municipal jurisdiction," said Sewell, who currently teaches law at York University.

The former reform politician who went on to write for The Globe and Mail for several years, said the language and structures of the reform movement that were so effective in the 1970s are inadequate to cope with today's mega-problems.

"If we attempt to approach everything on a neighborhood scale, we would be overwhelmed. I think the starting point in dealing with today's urban problems is to develop new language and new structures. The old ones were effective but now we need new ones."

Acknowledging that public bureaucracies "aren't problem-solvers and in fact often stand in the way of solutions," Sewell suggested bringing interested parties together from the business community and social agencies to find solutions.

His comments sparked a lively public dialogue. Martin Connell, chairman of the board of SkyDome and moderator of the discussion, agreed that "neighborhood - based politics are not appropriate to the problems of today" but admitted he was "cynical about the private sector coming out for more than a breakfast meeting."

Other comments came from the approximately 75 members of the public in attendance, including urban planner Jane Jacobs who said, "I agree that a lot of these problems can't be solved on a neighborhood basis, but that doesn't mean that local input won't help."

Newspaper columnist David Lewis Stein and St. Andrew-St. Patrick riding MPP Ron Kanter also participated.

Entitled City Forum, the evening was part of the Jewish Community Centre's annual Centrefest.

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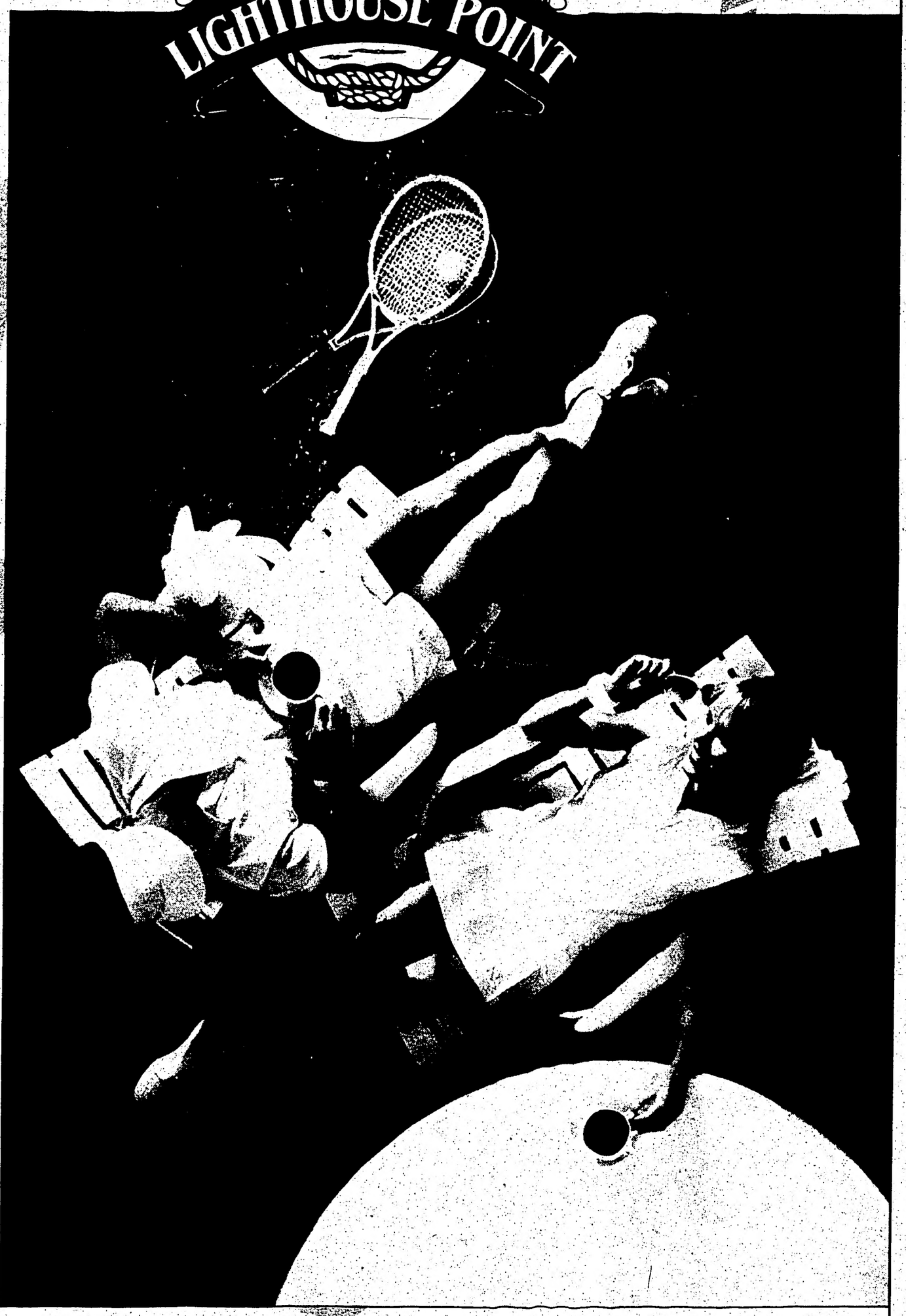

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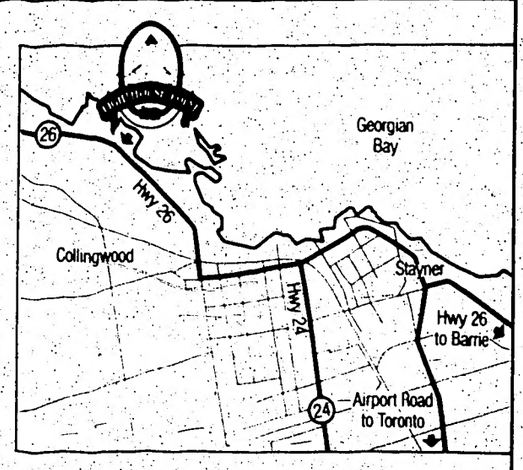

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Organizations and People

Charles Doering was "bombastic," says CRTC

Ruling favors CJC in radio station complaint

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The CRTC has ruled a complaint brought by Canadian Jewish Congress against radio station CFRB and editorial commentator Charles Doering was "well founded." Congress had alleged Doering's remarks were inaccurate and exposed Jews to "a very negative reaction."

In acknowledging the merits of the complaint, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission found that the language of a number of Doering's broadcasts was "rather bombastic and inflammatory.

"By using the language he did, he deliberately played to people's emotions, at a time when he was admittedly unsure of the facts. This leads the Commission to believe that CFRB has not fulfilled its obligation to provide listenership with programming of high quality."

Though the CRTC finding does not include a fine or reprimand, the decision will go into CFRB's file, and may be considered when the radio station's licence comes up for renewal, CRTC spokesman Pierre PontBriand told The CJN.

Congress' complaint was triggered by a number of Doering commentaries broadcast from Oct. 24-26 last year. The comments centred on a controversy over the exclusive use of a cross in a Remembrance Day display at a Yonge St. government office.

The concerns, raised by a Jewish employee, were that a star of David was not included in the display to indicate Jews also fought for Canada.

CFRB, through Doering, stated that individuals, characterized as "vocal troublemakers," "Jewish activists," and "non-Christian" people had forced the Canadian Legion to cancel a Remembrance Day memorial in a federal building on religious grounds, the CRTC found.

In fact, no display was cancelled and it was only the department of veterans affairs offices that were affected. A letter from the DVA to its local office indicated that a non-denominational wreath be used to commemorate Canadian war dead.

"It would seem a few simple timely phone calls would have avoided misinformation being fed to the public and the resulting unfortunate misconceptions." The station's actions, the CRTC found, "come perilously close to breaching the Radio Regulations with regard to the broadcasting of false and misleading news."

George Ferguson, vice president and general manager of CFRB, said the station would never knowingly report an untruth. But sometimes radio stations "act on misinformation or lack of information," he said.

Responding to queries about Doering's use of terms such as "vocal trouble makers," "Jewish activists," and "non-Christian," Ferguson dismissed suggestions of anti-semitism.

"There was certainly no intent at (anti-semitism) at all," he said. "Based on the history of the radio station, that's not the intent at all. We attempt to be as balanced as can be."

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Meanwhile, Congress reports success in persuading The New Lexicon Webster's Dictionary of the English Language (Encyclopedic Edition) to alter its entry in its 2nd edition for "Pontius Pilate."

Congress had raised concerns over a description of Pilate that stated: "He gave Christ up to the Jews to be crucified, in order to conciliate the Sanhedrin, though possibly against his own desire."

Calling the entry a continuation of an "ancient calumny against the Jewish people" that had been historically refuted, Congress noted children using the volume would be given "a powerful negative message and untruth about our people were this definition unchanged."

A letter from Bernard Cayne, vice-president, editorial director for the dictionary said, "We will be revising the entry Pontius Pilate to remove the objections you pointed out."

Congressman lauds CJC for helping Cuban Jewry

TORONTO —
The Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress has merited a mention in the U.S. Congressional Record for its work on behalf of Cuban Jewry.

Recently, Representative Bill Green, a Republican Congressman from New York State's 15th Congressional District, rose in the House to make memtion of the plight of Cuba's Jews, who number about 1,200.

Green commended the "small and courageous" community for its perseverance and indicated his support for their efforts at preserving the synagogue in Havana, which is in need of repairs.

Because Cuban Jewry has no rabbi, Dr. Jose Miller, a physician, serves as the nominal leader, and Adele Dworkin leads the Jewish Community House in Havana, Green mentioned.

He added that if any individuals or organizations are interested in sending donations to the community, they can do so through CJC's Ontario Region, care of executive director Dr. Edmond Lipsitz.

Since 1961, CJC has been sending Passover foods and religious supplies to Cuba.

Over the years, the project has evolved into a special annual mitzvah of the Ontario Region of Congress.

Starr leaves Ont. Place

TORONTO —
Patricia Starr has taken a leave of absence as chairman of Ontario Place.

Published reports indicate Tourism Minister Hugh O'Neil said Starr asked for the leave until allegations are cleared up concerning contributions made by the National Council of Jewish Women's charitable foundation to political parties (CJN May 18).

Starr headed the charitable foundation and stepped down from that post last week during a leadership transition.

Starr was appointed Ontario Place chairman by Premier David Peterson.

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Lombardi, Alexander, Cohon

3 receive CCCJ awards

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Each man had his own story to tell of personal encounters with prejudice, but in the end, Lincoln Alexander, Johnny Lombardi and George Cohon were all smiles in accepting the 1989 Human Relations Awards from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

The three men were honored at a $100-a-plate testimonial dinner recently for their "untiring efforts" and "outstanding contribution to understanding and respect among Canadians."

Alexander, Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, Lombardi, president of CHIN radio and television and well-known personality in Metro's Italian community, and McDonald's Canada chairman Cohon were feted as "examples and inspirations to others, characterized by sensitivity and warmth toward other human beings," said CCCJ president Marnie Paikin.

Over 200 people attended the dinner, including past award recipient Rose Wolfe, and her husband Ray; Bluma and Bram Appel; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ronson; former Toronto mayor Judge Phil Givens, and wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen.

At the head table were former Ontario Lieutenanat-Governor Pauline McGibbon, dinner chairman Peter Gordon, CCCJ national executive director Elizabeth Loweth, Rev. Canon Gerald Loweth, and Anglican Bishop of Toronto, Rt. Rev. Terrence Finlay.

Givens referred to Lombardi as "my quasi-landsman" in presenting him the award.

Lombardi recounted how he was once refused admission to a public swimming pool because the person at the gate thought he was Jewish.

"I told him I'm not Jewish, I'm Italian. He said. 'Same thing!' and I went home a very dejected 12-year-old.

"When I told my uncle what happened, he said, "You should be happy. The Jews are God's chosen people. You're an Italian Christian. What an honor to be both.' "

In his acceptance remarks, Alexander, the son of a railway porter and a maid, said he sometimes still can't believe he's the Queen's representative in Ontario.

"I've been called "Nigger," he said. "But people only called me that once."

Alexander served as federal labor minister in the short-lived Tory government of Joe Clark in 1979-80.

Cohon too had his tales of discrimination, some of which ended in violence. But, he stressed, "that's not how to deal with the problem."

One way to bridge the gaps in understanding is to get involved in organizations like the CCCJ. As well, Cohon pointed out, he is the first non-Soviet citizen to be a director of the Soviet Children's Fund, which aids sick and abused children and orphans in the USSR.

"The lessons the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews have taught us are gaining momentum," he stated. "It is a standard we should all emulate."

Technion dorms to begin soon

TORONTO —

Construction is expected to start soon on three new student residences at the Technion in Haifa.

The dorms, which will each accommodate 11 people, will be paid for by the Toronto Technion Society's student residence campaign. Over $2 million has already been pledged.

Each residence will be named after major donors: Sydney and Florence Cooper, Reuben and Helene Dennis, Murray and Pauline Menkes. Names of donors, patrons, contributors and founders will be listed in the buildings to which they contribute.

Two other dorms will be built in the "not too distant future," says campaign chairman Jerry Friedman.

A dinner-dance May 30 at the Menkes home will cap the fund raising campaign. Dan Gilat, 22, a third-year Technion engineering student from Rehovot, is expected to come from Israel to express the students' thanks for the campaign.

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Thursday, May 25

BIALIK CONCERT

Bialik Hebrew Day School's annual fund raiser on Thursday, May 25, is a concert presented by Bialik's PTA and featuring an evening of popular jazz starring pianist **Dick Hyman**, composer of the score for the movie Moonstruck.

The concert takes place at 8 p.m. at the Ontario Science Centre. A dessert reception will follow the performance.

Proceeds from this event will be applied towards the enrichment programs for Bialik students.

Sunday, May 28

WINDSOR NOTES

Herzl AZA and Yachad BBG are presenting their annual fashion show, Where's the Party?, on Sunday, May 28, at 7.30 p.m. at the Windsor Jewish Community Centre, 1641 Ouellette Ave., Windsor.

Tickets for this fund raiser can be purchased at the door for $6 or in advance for $4 by calling the centre at 973-1772 during regular business hours.

Members of Herzl and Yachad will be modelling fashions from Baja, Cotton Ginny, the Bay, Roots, Ramz, Maggie's, Winograd's and Frank Medal's. In addition, there will be refreshments and door prizes.

BARGAIN BAZAAR & FUN AUCTION

The Golan Group's annual bargain bazaar and fun auction is slated for Sunday, May 28, at Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation hall, 20 Danby Ave. The bazaar is from 2-5 p.m. and the auction begins at 7.30 p.m.

All proceeds, as in past years, will go to the Ben Yehuda School in Jerusalem. This institution takes care of children with physical and/or emotional problems. It is in an area which has recently been fire-bombed and thus needs even more support to repair the damage done to the school.

BUDGET TALK

Bob Rae leader of the official opposition, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, May 28, breakfast meeting of the Beth Tzedec Men's Club. His topic will be Federal and Provincial Budgets: A Tale of Two Budgets.

The program, which takes place in the mezzanine hall of the synagogue, also includes the presentations of the Hy Cooper Scholarships. Breakfast is at 9.30 a.m. and the program at 10.

SPRING TEA AND SALE

Club Yamit, Na'amat, is hosting a spring tea and sale on Sunday, May 28, from 2-5 p.m. All proceeds will go to child care in Israel.

For more information, call 667-0031 after 6 p.m.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) Society Support Group for Grandparents is meeting on Sunday, May 28, at 1.30 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. The guest speaker will be **Dr. Mario Bartroletti**.

For information, call 469-5471 or 781-3343.

GIANT BAZAAR

Sunday, May 28, is the date of Shaar Shalom Synagogue's annual giant bazaar featuring all new merchandise of clothing and household items.

It runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. Admission is free.

BLOOR Y REUNION

The first reunion of the Jewish Community Bloor Y nursery school takes place Sunday, May 28, from 2-5 p.m.

The afternoon will also feature a tribute to three teachers who have been with the school for 35 years — **Linda Anderson, Helene Comay** and **Bernice Rosenberg**.

For information and to be included on the invitation list, call 782-8686 or 961-6869.

GARAGE SALE

Jordana-Yamit Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is holding a garage sale on Sunday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 191 Elder St. All proceeds will go to charity.

YARD SALE

Gently used items such as furniture, clothing, toys, books and records will be on sale at the first annual yard sale sponsored by Toronto Birth Centre, a registered charity. The sale takes place Sunday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 8 Gilgorm Rd. (Eglinton-Chaplin Cres. area).

All proceeds will go towards opening a birth centre in Toronto.

Monday, May 29

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Kehillat Ahavat Chesed adult education series, Sabbath Morning Prayers, continues on Monday, May 29, with **Rabbi Sam Weintraub** speaking on God As Creator — Israel As Chosen: Do We Really Believe the Shema?

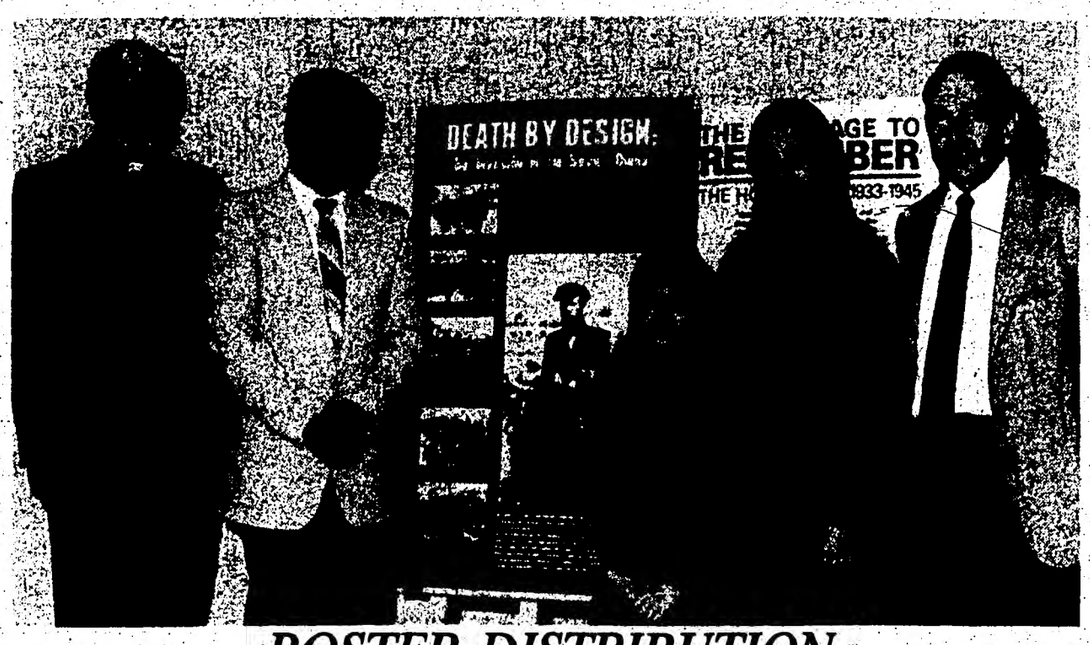
The time is 8 p.m. at 788 Marlee Ave., 3rd floor. Everyyone is welcome.

For more information, call the synagogue office at 925-2737.

MONDAY MAGIC

The topic of Acid Rain will be discussed and a video will be shown by a representative from Ontario Hydro at the Monday, May 29, program of Monday MAGIC taking place from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Monday MAGIC is a women's group thatmeets Monday mornings at Beth Tzedec. Babysitting is available from newborns up.



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Three generations of the Yolles family (from right) are Cecil Yolles, head of the Yolles Family Foundation, his daughter Marilyn Goldberg and her daughter Cara, present the Simon Wiesenthal Center poster series on the Holocaust, The Courge to Remember, to Michael Lofranco and Rev. John Geary, superintendant of religious eduation, Metropolitan Toronto Separate School Board. The series consists of over 200 photographs in 40 full color panels. Distribution of the posters to all major school systems in Canada, from Vancouver to Moncton, was funded by the Yolles Family Charitable Foundation. [Nir Bareket photo]

Tuesday, May 30

ANSWER YOUR DOOR

On Tuesday, May 30, between 6 and 9 p.m., a neighbor will ring your bell canvassing for multiple sclerosis. Look for the MS Society identification on his/her lapel. Your donation will provide vital money needed for research to help find a cause and cure for MS.

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Wednesday, May 31

HIGH FASHION/HIGH TEA

The Toronto Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation will host a high fashion/high tea on Wednesday, May 31, at 1 p.m. at the home of **Fran and Eddie Sonshine**.

The after-5, evening and bridal wear collection of international couturier **Tricia Cochran** will be featured. There will also be boutiques and door prizes.

For information, call 781-3584.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto is set for Wednesday, May 31, at 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. **Dr. Rolf Lederer** will discuss The Family History of Sigmund Freud.

For further information, call **Annette** at 782-4646.

SPRING SWING

Baycrest members are the special guests at a Big Band dance being held on Wednesday, May 31, from 7-10 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School.

The school is hosting the event to further strengthen its ties to the community and to give Baycrest members an opportunity to have a wonderful evening of dancing or listening to the sounds of **Gino Falconi** and The Royals.

Relatives of Fleming, Ledbury, Dublin Heights and Lawrence Heights schools are also invited.

TALES OF WISDOM

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation adult education committee's series, The Apocrypha: An Introduction with **Prof. Judith Siegel**, professor of classics, York University, continues on Wednesday, May 31, with Tales of Heroism: Maccabees I and II.

Class begins at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

BASICS SEMINAR

The Aish HaTorah Basics series of individual lectures exploring the wit and wisdom of Judaism is held on Wednesday evenings at 8 through to June 19. The topic for the May 31 session is The Jewish Pleasure Principle.

Lectures take place at Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave. For further information, call 636-7530.

Thursday, June 1

TEA AND ANTIQUE SALE

A spring tea and antique sale of fine English silver, Israeli silver jewelry, porcelain, antique linens, jewelry, occasional furniture, organized by Beth Jacob Sisterhood, is being held on Thursday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton.

In addition to the sale, which is arranged in cooperation with Donald Bethune, Denise Bond and Joyce Bravo, there will be classical entertainment. Admission is $10.

And What Else Is New...

THE PRIZE

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section upcoming fund raiser, a performance of **Arthur Miller's** play The Prize, is set for Monday, June 5, at 8 p.m. at the Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E., with a coffee party with the cast following the performance.

Tickets are $36 and a tax receipt will be issued for the charitable portion.

This evening supports the Israel Family Counselling Association in Tel Aviv.

For tickets, call 633-5100.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

On Saturday, June 3, the guest speaker at the Beth Tzedec Congregation Shabbat Study Luncheon will be **Prof. Arnold Ages**, professor of French at the University of Waterloo and a well-known lecturer, author and columnist. His topic will be Confessions of a Book Reviewer.

This marks the 10th anniversary of Study Luncheons at Beth Tzedec.

The luncheon is at noon, following services. The charge is $6.75 adults, $3.75 children under 12. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Wednesday, May 31. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated.

INTERGENERATIONAL CONCERT

North York's intergenerational band and choir is presenting its first concert with teens and adults performing together on Monday, June 5, at 8 p.m. at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave., E.

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high schools — C.W. Jeffreys, Northview Heights, Emery CI, Wm. Lyon Mackenzie CI, Westview Centennial and Downsview — and four adult groups — C.W. Jeffreys' Concert Band, North York Concert Band, Encore Concert Band and Yorkminstrels Show Choir — will play Music Through the Ages.

Known as North York International Music Makers (NYIMM), this project is aimed at encouraging instrumental music and promoting intergenerational programs in North York schools.

Tickets are $3.50 and may be purchased by calling the box office at 491-8872.

For more information, contact the conductor, **Dave Marshall**, at 633-4012 or **Fran Gruber**, communications director, at 962-4685.

MAZON SPRING ALLOCATIONS

MAZON Canada, a Jewish Response to Hunger, will be making its semi-annual grants allocations in June. Any groups or organizations involved in the fight against hunger are invited to apply.

For information, call **Roger Hyman** or **Rachel Fain** at (416) 783-7554 in Toronto.

ORTIQUE FANTASY 89

Tique Fantasy 89, A Fashion Experience, highlighting fashions by Marilyn's and beachwear by Bikini Village and featuring boutiques for browsing and shopping, plus a light luncheon. It all takes place on Sunday, June 4, at 1 p.m. at North York Memorial Community Hall, Burgundy Room, 5110 Yonge St.

Tickets are $36 patrons, $25 general admission. For reservations and further information, call the ORT office at 787-0297. All proceeds to benefit ORT schools around the world.

MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE

The Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library monthly modern Hebrew literature reading circle's next program will be held Tuesday, June 6, when **Orna Branzburg** will discuss (in Hebrew) the book, His Daughter (Bito), by **Yoram Kaniuk**.

The time is 8 p.m. in the library, 4600 Bathurst St.

FARBAND BRUNCH

This year, the Canadian Farband has undertaken to build an Amal Technological School at the Memorial for the Soldiers of the IDF Signals and Electronic Corps who gave their lives in defence of Israel.

The memorial building will consist of a special wall listing the names of those who died. It will have a social and recreational hall in addition to the technological school.

To inaugurate the Toronto portion of the Farband campaign, chairman **Joseph Krystal** has announced that the opening brunch will be held Sunday, June 4, at 11.30 a.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., with **Eliezer Rafaeli** as guest speaker.

Also, at the brunch, **Harry Weinstock**, chairman, Toronto Farband city committee, and **Jack Goldbach**, president, LZA Seniors Club, will be honored.

All Farband chaverim and members of the LZA Seniors Club are invited to attend. For reservations, call 630-9444.

BOOK AND ART SALE

An enormous selection of new and used paperbooks, hardcovers, art, prints, antique books and records, all at great prices, will be available at the book and art sale being held at University of Toronto Schools, Bloor St. W. at Spadina the weekend ending May 28 plus art auction at 3 p.m. on the 28th.

Donations of books and art are greatly appreciated. For pick up, call 391-1671.

Proceeds of the sale are used to raise funds for UTS.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The United Nations has recognized Toronto as the most ethnically and racially diverse city in the world. In celebration of the rich cultural diversity and to encourage continued respect and tolerance for individual similarities and differences, City Council has declared 1989 as the Year for Racial Harmony in the City of Toronto.

Under the theme of Together We Are Toronto, the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations is sponsoring a photography competition which will present images of the city's multicultural community. The winning photographs, together with a selection of honorable mentions, will be displayed in a special exhibit in the rotunda of City Hall.

There will be three cash prizes — $250, $150 and $100. Deadline for entries is Aug. 31 at 4.30 p.m.

For information, call 392-7837.

DARCHEI NOAM DINNER

Congregation Darchei Noam is holding its first annual fund raising dinner on Saturday, June 3. **Fredelle Maynard**, Canadian author of many books including Raisins and Almonds, educational consultant, columnist and broadcaster, will speak on Food for Thought: Growing Older and Wiser.

Following dinner there will be a silent auction with donated goods and services including 1-hour legal counselling, one videotape of your special event, two hours of hypnotherapy for weight or smoking control and much, much more.

The dinner will take place at 7.30 p.m. at Habonim Centre, 5 Glen Park Ave. Tickets are $50 per person (partially tax deductible).

For tickets or more information, call **Brenda Greenberg** at 484-0346 or **Linda Gruson** at 489-7722 or **Earl Hyman** at 920-2759 or **Andria Spindel** at 488-2704.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The University of Toronto department of French, Society for Mediterranean Studies and Judaic Studies are presenting an international symposium entitled Cultural Marginality in the Western Mediterranean.

The symposium will run Thursday evening, June 1; Friday afternoon, June 2, and Sunday afternoon and evening, June 4, in Room 1016, Wilson Hall, New College (enter at 30 or 40 Willcocks St.).

The Sunday evening program, focusing on The Power of the Myth in Jewish Dramatics, is sponsored by the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture.

For further information, call 978-8275 or 978-8968.

THE ABLE/DISABLED ARTS CENTRE

The Able/Disabled Creative Arts Centre is celebrating its first anniversary with Fleurs de Joie, an exhibit of watercolors by **Marty Shultz** and **Hazel Self**.

The exhibition runs May 27-July 8 at the centre, 49 McCaul St. (Village by the Grange). For exhibit hours, call 971-5110.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The North York Volunteer Centre reports that volunteers are needed in the following areas. For information about these volunteer opportunities, call 481-6194.

Senior Care/Services to Jewish Elderly needs volunteer visitors to provide companionship and conversation to lonely and isolated seniors. If you have at least one hour available per week, consider becoming a Senior Care volunteer visitor.

The Arthritis Society is now recruiting volunteer organizers to establish, by June, a framework for its September door-to-door financial campaign. Work times are flexible.

North York General Hospital looking for teen volunteers for the months of July and August. Information days will be held late in May and early June.

BUFFET DINNER AND DANCE

The Independent Order of Foresters Court Ahavas Achem is holding a buffet dinner and dance with a live band, door prizes and raffle on Saturday, June 10, from 8-11 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard).

The cost is $15 per person. For information, call **Eva** at 636-8323 or **Jackie** at 731-8241.

STUDY AND FUN WEEKEND

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am's annual study ruah and fun weekend takes place at Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre in Parry Sound from Friday, June 16, to Sunday, June 18. The scholar-in-residence will be **Prof. Arnold Ages**.

Besides the fantastic facilities for sports, swimming, videos and more, exciting programs and a Saturday night party are planned.

The cost of $180 members, $195 non-members includes all gourmet meals as well as accommodations for two nights.

For information, contact **Annette Hoffman** at 663-8243 or **Jean Bernholtz** at 787-9039.

GOURMET COOKING MADE EASY

Please note that the Gourmet Cooking Made Easy session sponsored by Kashruth Council — Orthodox Division, Toronto Jewish Congress, on Tuesday, May 30, takes place at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., at 8 p.m. (sorry for the incorrect location listed in the May 18 issue).

For registration and information, call the Kashruth Council at 635-9550.

NARAYEVER CONGREGATION

Narayever Congregation, a traditional, egalitarian synagogue located at 187 Brunswick Ave. (north of Harbord) welcomes the Sabbath at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 26. Everyone is welcome to attend for a warm and joyful Kabbalat Shabbat.

On Saturday, May 27, families with children are invited to a to a junior congregation. This is an opportunity for children to experience the beauty of prayer in an uninhibited setting and also learn how to lead services for themselves. Junior congregation begins about 10.30 a.m. after the Torah reading and concludes with the children joining the adult service to lead the singing of Aleinu and Adon Olam.

For more information, call **Justin Lewis** at

IDF ENTERTAINERS

A group of entertainers from the Israel Defence Forces perform at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration sponsored by the Young Adults Division, Association for the Solidiers of Israel. More than 400 persons attended the event held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. [Gilbert Benamou photo]

TIKVAH TOTS

Beth Tikvah Synagogue will be running a second session of the highly successful Tikvah Tots program (creating together Jewishly), beginning Wednesday, May 31.

Led by **Karen Epstein Gilboa**, the program combines singing (English and Hebrew) with Jewish crafts and games for children 1-3 years of age and their mothers.

Sessions are held on Wednesdays from 9.30-11 a.m. Space is limited.

For more information, call **Ken Krupat**, youth director, at 221-8994 (business) or 492-7645 (home) or **Arlynne Phillipson** at 391-1200. The charge for four sessions is $40 Beth Tikvah members, $47 non-members.

for seniors

The Bloor Y Seniors activities for the coming week include: Monday, May 29 — knitting at 10 a.m., bridge at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, May 30 — fitness at 12-30-1.30 p.m., current events discussion at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, May 31 — musical singalong at 1.30 p.m.; Thursday, June 1 — fitness with **Cynthia** at 12.30 p.m., a speaker from the Humane Society will give an illustrated talk at 2 p.m. The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch is located at 750 Spadina Ave. For information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

A full program of activities has been planned by the **LZA Seniors Club** for the next few months. The trip to Ottawa June 13-14 is all sold out. A day trip to Muskoka in August includes a lake cruise, lunch on the boat and a stage show at the Festival Theatre in Port Carling...Bingo under the chairmanship of **Shlomo Goren** will be held every second Wednesday from 1.30-4 p.m. and **Mrs. Shlomo Mitzmacher** promises a movie every second week...In addition to these special events, shuffleboard is held every Tuesday and Thursday evening, cards, socials and entertainment daily from noon to 4 p.m. with light lunches available. All activities take place at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For details, call 630-9444.

Chapter, is having its general meeting North York day, June 4, at 1.30 p.m. at the North York Seniors Centre, 21 Hedon Dr. The title of the meeting is On Your Own Again — Meeting the Challenge. The guest speaker will be **Ruth Mechanicus**, counsellor and physiotherapist at Bayview Therapy Centre. For further information, call **Evi Burns** at 635-6407.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The program for May 31 is bingo...Also, a visit to the Planetarium is arranged for Tuesday, May 30. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 667-0808 or **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 is featuring singer **Linda Shein** in a program of International Songs at the meeting on Tuesday, May 30, at 1.30 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served. The charge is $1.50.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is having a dance with a live band on Sunday, May 28, from 8-11 p.m. at the Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Admission is $3 members, $4 non-members...Ongoing activities include shuffleboard on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Tai Chi on Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the community centre and at the club house there is bridge on Mondays from 1-3.30 p.m.; ballroom and line dancing, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; art class, Tuesdays 1-3.30 p.m.; fitness, Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Bingo is to be announced...The game room is now open for for ping pong and other activities. For information, call 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is presenting The Joy of Music, with **Ellen Krylov** on Monday, May 29, at 1 p.m. This is free to members...**Yehudah Shen**

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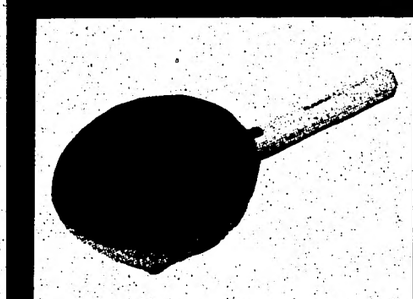

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will be presenting a lecture and film on Monday, June 12, as a preview of the Israel trip which gives a new view of Israel...Volunteer recognition entertainment by a musical group, the Canadian Guitar Association, is set for Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The charge is $1.50 members, no charge for volunteers...The June 14 cruise is sold out...Ongoing programs will continue. For further information about all programs, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

The JCC Valley seniors group, **Club Chaverim**, meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Come play cards, bingo and socialize. Make new friends meet old ones. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Jewish Ethics and Philosophy rabbi's lecture series continues on Tuesday, May 30, with **Rabbi Ned Soltz**, Temple Sinai, discussing A Jewish Ethics for the 90s. The time is 2.30-3.30 p.m. in Rooms A and B...A summer outing, Seniors' Day at the Races with a trip to Woodbine Raceway, is set for Tuesday, June 6, from 12.30-5.30 p.m. The charge is $5 members, $7 non-members. Register with payment as soon as possible as tickets are limited...The Joy of Theatre group is going to see J on Wednesday, June 14, from 1.30-4.30 p.m. Tickets are $30.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Clinic's health lecture series is presenting Back to Basics on Thursday, June 1, at 1.30 p.m. when **Dr. Bryan Sher**, chiropractor, will discuss and demonstrate tips for achieving and maintaining a healthy back. Admission is free and all seniors are welcome.

A reminder that the North York public health department is sponsoring a free dental program May 29-June 16. A dentist and a dental assistant will be at the centre every weekday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during those three weeks. Be sure to make an appointment with **Shari** or **Sandra** at the centre.

at the jcc

A picnic is planned for Bloor Y members on Thursday, June 11, at Hoskins Park with barbecue lunch, clowns and activities for children. For information, contact **Lindsay Henderson** at 924-6211.

You'll find great bargains, baking and more at the Bloor Y Good Age Club seniors annual bazaar on Sunday, June 18. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For more information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

The Bloor Y and the JCC North-East Valley branch are arranging a program for single parents and children on Sunday, June 25, at Green Acres Day Camp offering a picnic, organized games in a country setting. For information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Summer camp registration is still open at the Bloor Y. To register children 5-10 years of age, contact **Beverly Brock** at above number.

The JCC Valley Singles Network classic film festival series featuring **Humphrey Bogart** continues on Thursday, May 25, at 7.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Admission is $3. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Registration is being accepted for the JCC Valley arts and sports camp for kids 5-13 years of age. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 for information.

The original JCC Valley Singles 50 Plus is hosting a barbecue dinner for singles and couples who have been or currently are involved with this group. The date is Saturday, June 17, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The charge is $14 per person. Reservations must be made by June 9. Call **Mimi** or **Risa** at 889-0813.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

The Original JCC Singles 50+ will be hosting a Barbeque Dinner and Dance (D.J. Don Del Greco) for singles and couples who have been or currently are involved with this group. Saturday, June 17, 7:30p.m. JCC Northeast Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. $14.00/ person. Reservations must be made by June 9. Call Mimi or Risa at 889-0813.

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About People

SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVE

At the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue installation dinner and dance on Wednesday, June 14, **Marvin Fox** will be installed as president along with **Larry Ross**, 1st vice-president; **Gord Garshowitz**, 2nd vice-president; **Marvin Gold**, treasurer, and **Eric Goldberg**, secretary. **James Harris** is immediate past president.

Also being installed are Sisterhood pr. **Barry Cutler** and the president of the Brotherhood.

SOCIETY HONORS 7 CANADIANS

Alderman Ben Nobleman, president of the Society for the Recognition of Canadian Talent Inc., has announced that the Society has established seven bursaries in dramatic arts in honor of seven prominent Canadians — **Premier David Peterson**, theatre owner **Ed Mirvish**, movie producer **Norman Jewison**, Cineplex president **Garth Drabinsky**, industrialists **Paul Reichmann** and **Charles Bronfman**, and philanthropist **Bluma Appel**.

Donations to the Society are tax deductible and can be mailed to 881 Eglinton Ave. W., Suite 204, Toronto M6C 2C1.

CREDIT COUNCIL VIP

Helen Rubinoff was recently elected vice-president, Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Institute of Credit and Financial Management (formerly known as The Canadian Credit Institute). She has served on Council, the governing board of the Toronto Chapter, for the past six years, the last two as a member of the executive.

Helen Rubinoff

Invited to join the Council in 1984 as the student education representative, Rubinoff has since served as vice-chairman and chairman of the seminar and education committee, chairman of public relations, secretary, and last year as treasurer.

She is credit manager of Club Coffee Companies, Nestle Foodservice Canada.

HOSPITAL AWARD DINNER

Dr. David Naiberg, chief of otolaryngology of Scarborough General Hospital, has been awarded the hospital's 1989 Chairman's Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the hospital.

Dr. David Naiberg

A 1962 graduate of the University of Toronto medical school, Dr. Naiberg served an internship and general surgery residency at the New Mount Sinai Hospital and followed that with a residency in ear, nose and throat at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in New York.

Since joining Scarborough General in 1967 he has served in numerous capacities, not the least of which is as director of the Ear Institute. This fully-equipped state-of-the-art facility was established as an affiliate of the department of otolaryngology to provide a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic services for ear, hearing and speech problems.

The award was presented at the hospital's Blossom Ball earlier this month.

FELLOWSHIP WINNER

Torontonian **Howard Weller** has won an Alexander Fellowship to clerk in a federal district court in Manhattan during his second year at Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardoza School of Law.

Weller, 26, is the son of **Marlene Weller** of Toronto and **Leonard Weller** of Los Angeles. He graduated from Toronto's Forest Hill Collegiate and from Colorado College, Colorado Springs, with a major in history.

After studying at Washington University, Washington, DC, and interning at the Public Defender Service in Washington, He entered Cardoza in September 1987. He interned last summer at the New York Legal Aid Society and is a staff member of Cardoza Law Review.

CAMP DAVID RECALLED

Israel's former ambassador to the U.S. Meir Rosenne (centre) spoke to the community on the anniversary of the Camp David Accord at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. With him (from left) are Phil Beinhaker, chairman Synagogue Division, State of Israel Bonds; Dr. Mel Kay, president, Shaarei Shomayim; Allan Silber, chairman, State of Israel Bonds, and Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim.

FREQUENT VISITOR

Rabbi Alexander Linchner, founder of Boys Town Jerusalem, is seen on one of his frequent visits to army bases to meet with his graduates. He lectures to them on Torah-related subjects and leaves them books and course material for study on their own.

Berger takes over NCJW in Toronto

TORONTO —

Eveline Berger has been installed as the president of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, for the period of 1989-1991.

The installation of Berger and other board members took place at the Toronto Section's annual volunteer recognition luncheon, at which the Council members were honored for their service to the community in the past year.

The new vice-presidents include Marlene Sklar, ways and means; Lorraine Berk, education; Roz Fine, membership; Rochelle Reingold; communications; Gita Arnold, service; and Connie Kachuck, foundation.

Eveline Berger

Born in France, Berger was educated in Belgium and Toronto and graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. She was awarded the Gold Medal in Hospital Pharmacy Administration.

She joined the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Yachad Branch in 1973, and over the years she held several positions on her branch executive, including secretary, treasurer, vice-chairman and chairman.

At the same time, Berger became an active puppeteer with the "Kids on the Block" and she performs with the troupe on a regular basis.

She is married to Dr. Sam Berger and is the mother of two daughters, Cheryl, age 19 and Ellie, age 15.

C.J.N. Classifieds Really Work!

Meanderings ... by Jerry Borins

Au revoir, my dear Risa . . . and thanks. That's what I'm saying to **Risa Kirshblum** tomorrow! She has been my able assistant for almost a year now on a part-time basis. She's been: my **"nurse"** — caring for me and my businesses when my appendix burst, my rolling stones attacked me & when we thought my heart did too; my **"hostess"** — Maccabi lunch & Variety Village (Galen Weston reception); my **"composer"** — a great copy writer & words person; my "friend" & real joy with whom I enjoyed discussing my business & life's stories. **Risa, I'll miss you!** I wish you well as you enter a new part of your life armed with your well-deserved **Science** degree & some terrific business, marketing, advertising & community experience. Be well & may G-d bless you & your wonderful family.

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This photo was taken recently at the Galen Weston reception for Celebrity Swimmers viewing the unfinished "Sunshine Pool" in the Aquatics Wing at Variety Village. $2.7 million is needed!! Contact Jerry at 364-3996 if you wish to become a Celebrity Swimmer!. Your mandate will be to raise a minimum of $5,000.00 for this most worthy project. You will be assigned a Variety Village "Child buddy" who will also be swimming — your partner en route to the completion of the new Sunshine Pool!! (This is how Jerry got started.)

Mintz & Mensch!

Ellie Tesher, editor of the Life Section in the **Toronto Star**, was right when she described **Bernie Abrams** as a **mensch**. Ellie wrote about their relationship as friends and how **Bernie** was "fearless about giving of himself without immediate reward". Well that's how I feel about **Bernie** and **Mintz & Partners**. I saw some of his partners and associates recently at their firm's **"Budget Breakfast"** at the Hilton on Richmond St. W. With the aid of a wonderful slide show with appropriate cartoons, the likes of **Michael Cadesky, Lorn Kutner, Robin Burden, Harley Mintz & Ralph Goldsilver** helped over 300 of us understand better the corporate and personal tax implications of the recent **Federal Budget**. **Michael** said "If life was simple, how could I make a living!" Those clients in attendance even received copies of the **1990 Budget** . . . blank pages for now! Their new **Managing Director** is **Bernie Federman** who adds to **Mintz & Partners'** involvement. He is active in **Reena** (where friendly **Harley Mintz** is Reena's Chairman) and with **United Way** currently vice-chairman of the United Way-**Toronto Argo Forward Pass Match Program**. I'll tell you more about **Federman's** upcoming **Picnic & Baseball Game** concerning **Toronto Freedom Lodge & Maccabi** slated for **June 25th. Mintz** partner **Sid Bojarksi** is **Treasurer** of the **Canadian Shaare Zedek Foundation & Abrams** is on the Board and worked on its **Les Miz** night. **Goldsilver** is **Treasurer** of **Maccabi Canada — Ontario Region**. Now you get some idea about how I feel **Mintz & mensch** go together!

SkyDome Seat Winners

The winners in my **"Adath Israel"** license plate contest are: **Esther Berkel, Jeffrey & Jennifer Gottesman, Shoshana & Aaron Cohen, Daniel Sonenberg, Noel & Heather Rosen** ("The 5RS" — five in their family!), **Sid Laufer, David Sonenberg, Noah Sonenberg, Alan Applebaum, Colin Robinson & Charlie Abshez** . . . Please phone **Nadine** at **364-3996** and select your special **SkyDome** seats to see the **Jays**. They will have to be picked up at the Wheat Sheaf before June 5th! . . . (They had to guess the owners of plates I listed after spotting them at simchas at Adath Israel.) . . . I'm happy to have been the one to submit the name of **Adath Israel Synagogue** as the most accessible public religious facility to the **Junior League of Toronto's** accessibility contest . . . thank you dear readers for noticing my spelling error concerning the **DYSAUTONOMIA** Foundation! Its founder, the energetic **Bertha Dermer** & I met through this column & my aunt **Gerry Goodbaum**. My family & I watched a very moving video about the genetic disease — **Dysautonomia**. The video was narrated by **Connie Chung** with music supplied by **Waylon Jennings**. He sang "Make a wish upon a star, we can be happy with whom we are, 'cause each of us is special in some way." I vowed to help **Bertha** and to make sure you & I learn more about this rare genetic disease afflicting Jewish children of Ashkenazic descent!!!

More Thanks ...

Thanks to: John Robertson of the **Toronto Star** for mentioning **"Poultry in Motion" at the "Wheat Sheaf"** in a recent column. He must read the **CJN**!! . . . and the editor of **Variety Club's** newsletter **"Tent Topics"** who quoted part of my column on the first annual **Variety Club of Ontario Celebrity Black Tie Dinner** — Jan. 28th. I was the dinner chairman & host for the 263 who attended & helped raise — along with the marvelous **telethon** over $4 million for the kids of Ontario . . . and genial **Mort Greenberg** (younger brother of **Dr. Joe Greenberg**) the 1988 Toronto Award of Merit recipient for tipping me off to the **LIZZIES' Oldtimers Reunion** on **May 25th** — guest speaker is **Dick Beddoes**. Call **Norm Cornack** at **749-6735** for tickets. (Did you know that **Mort Greenberg** is famous for getting autographed baseballs & tennis balls for such famous people like **Itzhak Perlman** & his son **Noah**? Just ask **Jerry Howarth**!!) . . . and thanks to **Dr. Brian Silver** who attended to me at **North York General Hospital** during my recent battle with two kidney stones. He showed his terrific sense of humour (just like his sister **Carla's**) when he entered my room & announced — "I know, you're going to take a photo of your kidney stones for your **CJN** column". Brian's son **David** was one of 18 winners in the **Jewish Congress'** recent **Passover card contest**. There were almost 1000 entrants . . . I was pleased to provide all the winners with pairs of my **SkyDome** Jay tickets. It was great judging the contest with contest chairman, **Judith Bloom** (bless you Judith for your lovely & thoughtful note!!!), **Marsha Slavens** — co-chairman of the **Committee for Soviet Jewry — Ont. Region — Canadian Jewish Congress & Nurit Oko Glick**, School Consultant for the Canadian Jewish Congress. . . . Congratulations to **Eric Slavens** on his becoming chairman of the **Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. Eric** is also a new co-managing partner of **Laventhol & Horwath**, from which my **Aish** honouree friend, **Harvey Hecker** recently retired. . . .

Jerry Sings Again!

And thanks to **Adath Israel's Club L'Chayim** for welcoming me so warmly (and with such a kind announcement by **Etta Lofsky**) to its recent Sunday lunch. I enjoyed the marvelous singing of **Marvin Rosensheim** (A.K.A. as **Marty Rose**) accompanied by pianist **Ron Rosenberg** of Edenbridge, Sask. **Marvin** sang **"My Yiddishe Mamma"** to his own Mom who, thank G-d, is recovering very well after her recent illness. He has opened for Edie Gorme & Steve Lawrence, Jackie Mason & others and his talent & warmth shows. I enjoy seeing **Marvin** in our shule on Shabbat and hope that he will appear at some upcoming events in which I am involved . . . and Marvin please ask me to sing again . . . I loved it! **and further thanks to: Aish HaTorah** for using the photo I recently ran showing me, Tribute Chairman **Phil Schwartz**, Event Chairman **Harold Nashman**, & Tribute Honouree **Harvey S. Hecker** on their **"Campaign News"** cover. It's also nice to see a photo of **Michael Halbert** (who is also on the Board of the **Variety Village Great Lake Swim** and one of our celebrity swimmers). Mazel Tov to **Michael & Iris** on the recent birth of their son, Adam!!

. . . **Aish** is bringing a lot of Jewish people closer to **Yiddishkeit**. There were 85 regular students in 1983 when **Aish** began under Harvey's presidency. Today there are 700 students with over 10,000 people in Toronto alone who have attended classes over the last six years. For more info regarding the **May 28th** dinner, call (416) **636-7530**!! Harriet & I will be there

M.T.C.V.A. & J.N.F.

. . . As noted last week, I was re-elected to the **Board of the Metro Toronto Convention Association**. At our annual meeting I was pleased to see one of my Aish Associate Chairmen, **Steve Weisbrod** getting the recognition his company, **Syrograph** deserves. They did a wonderful job in preparing the **M.T.C.V.A.** annual report and I introduced him to **Coca-Cola's Dick Ramsden & Sheraton Hotel's Ray Jacobi**, our new M.T.C.V.A. **co-chairmen** who also heaped praise on **Steve** . . . The **Yom HaAtzma'ut** Service at **Adath Israel** on May 9th was beautiful & well-attended. It was great seeing & hearing **Israel's Consul General Benjamin Abileah** accompanied by **Colonel Yehoshua Bar-Am** of the **Jewish National Fund** who said he'd see me at a special J.N.F. meeting three days later . . . More about J.N.F. & **Frances Mandell** & I soon!! You probably can tell how proud I am of Adath Israel . . . and many of you know of my **Goodbaum** connection with **Beth Sholom**. I saw the **Hon. Bob Kaplan** at Beth Sholom Brotherhood's tremendously successful Humanitarian award dinner. We discussed his recent lovely letter to me saying how much he enjoyed my CJN columns as a regular reader. Thanks **Bob** . . . I remember when we were neighbours in the late 60's on Sandringham Drive!! **Sam Zale** tells me that on one of his recent trips on the **T.T.C.** along **King St. W.** in winter (he had some of his **Flame-Glo fireplace logs** keeping him warm), he heard the conductor call out the Bathurst St. stop & then tell all aboard that the Wheat Sheaf is Toronto's **oldest** Tavern & has the **best wings & burgers** in our fair City. By the way **Sam**, good luck & health in your term as president of **Beth Sholom**!! . . . **Great seeing: Dr. Joe (no scar) Starr** on my most recent trip to North York General Hospital. (Do his parents **Edward & Marion Starr** still read my column?) and **Morris Sobel** at the "Y", (still looking so fit!).

I love getting letters — thanks to **Irene Hunter & Kim Kowarski** of **The Speech & Stroke Centre** for telling me my column helped them get two new volunteers, a husband & wife team and . . . thanks to **Zita Gardner** nee Hertzman who enjoyed my recent nostalgia trip to our Vaughan days!!!

. . .

Jerry & Eric & B'nai Brith

I've met a lot of nice people hanging around **Eric Feldbloom** at **B'nai Brith** on Hove Street . . . like **Ava Fletcher** the attractive co-ordinator of **B'nai Brith Sports** who spotted me from my CJN photos above the column "she turns to first". **Ava** keeps me up-to-date on sports stuff. She **and Allen Gerskup** (as producer) have put together the first live coverage of the **Maccabi Games** in Israel. The broadcast crew is a volunteer one and the Games will be covered by all Toronto area dailies and heard on U of T radio — 89.5 FM, each evening. Thanks Ava!!

Jerry spotted in Florida

Country Club Day Camp Inc. is operated by my old **B'nai Brith** friends **Brenda & Paul Goldstein**. I know the camp is well attended & it uses the wonderful pool facilities at the **Richmond Hill Country Club**. Call **Brenda** the Director at **736-7332**. She loves kids & likes conducting workshops & seminars & would be pleased to look after your kids, ages 3 through 14. They'll even arrange safe door-to-door transportation for the tiny & not-so-tiny tykes! . . . There I was thousands of miles away in Fort Lauderdale Airport waiting for my mother-in-law when a young man recognized me from this column. He even remembered from my words when I would be returning to T.O.!! **Ron Hutner** didn't remember being my camper about 30 years ago at **Camp Northland**. Thanks, **Ron**, for shmoozing with me.

Jerry Borins is best known as the owner, since 1969, of the Wheat Sheaf Tavern. Jerry sits on several boards (he won't give us the exact number) and chairs quite a few committees. Nadine Feldman, his lovely executive assistant, since March, tells us he recently was appointed to the C.N.E. Nadine assures us that because of her assistance & some excellent time management courses Jerry took from Marlene Walker, he is more available than ever but she suggests you call him "in October!!" Later this year the Sheaf will be celebrating its 140th year of serving real Torontonians.

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Bankers, politicians, Israeli diplomats crowd into Weilers' penthouse

Yom Ha'atzmaut party has distinctive flavor

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Dalia and Yehuda Weiler's Israel Independence Day celebration had a distinctive Israeli flavor. Weiler is the president of Bank Leumi (Canada).

Many of the 150 guests at the Weilers' penthouse reception were Israelis with Israel's foreign service, along with customers of Bank Leumi, politicians, bankers and community leaders.

Among those celebrating Israel's birthday were Monte Kwinter, Ontario's minister of industry, trade and technology and his wife Wilma; members of the Bank Leumi's Canadian board, Kurt Rothschild and John McMillan with his wife Orma; Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and his wife Ruth, and Yehuda Shen, the director of the Israel Government Tourist Office.

In the warm and informal setting, the guests — many speaking Hebrew — toasted the State of Israel, discussed the economic and political situation there, and participated in a singsong led by Yossy Abromovich, an Israeli 1-man band.

Abromovich handles a keyboard, sings, and plays the electronic drums. Singing Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs (translated into Hebrew), the guests enthusiastically participated in the communal singing for hours as the words were projected onto the wall.

Many guests were pioneers in Palestine and fought in the War of Independence. Weiler, who was too young for combat, served at an Israeli Air Force base during the war. He recalls how impressed he was that Jews and non-Jews from Canada, the United States and from around the world, came to fight for the State of Israel.

Yehuda Weiler (left) is seen with (from left) Kurt Rothschild, Monte Kwinter and John McMillan at an Independence Day celebration.

A softspoken executive, Weiler says that he is always excited on Independence Day. "We always celebrated with close friends and family in Israel, so when we arrived in Canada three years ago, we decided to continue the tradition and entertain friends, family and customers of the bank on Yom Ha'atzmaut."

Commenting on the situation in Israel and the intifada, Weiler said that he believes that it is a situation with which Israelis were never prepared to deal.

"And I think we are paying the price now. But I'm optimistic — I believe that there will be a solution soon — so we won't have a loss of lives whether they are Jews or Arabs."

The CJN spoke to Russian-born Moshe Stolar, who came to Palestine in 1932 and fought in the War of Independence. His unit destroyed two Egyptian ships including the flagship of the Egyptian navy.

He was a member of the Palmach bringing survivors from the refugee camps in Europe to Israel.

Recalling the pre-independence struggle of the Jews in Palestine, Stolar says the problems increased when the British began pulling out.

"The British searched the kibbutzim and private houses looking for ammunition and weapons and they took them away from us. But there were also British who helped us get supplies. As a matter of fact, three British soldiers brought us three tanks that they stole from a British camp and they even joined us to fight against the Jordanians."

Stolar, one of the partners of the Graywood Development Group, a billion-dollar Canadian construction company, expects to remain in Canada for a few years before returning to Israel.

"My kids, grandchildren, home, properties and building business are in Israel. I will certainly go back — I just needed a bit of a change."

He says he is 100% optimistic about the situation in Israel. "We've passed much worse times. In 1948, we fought all the Arab States when we only had 650,000 Jews and at the same time we had to absorb a million and a half immigrants — refugees. Now we are close to 4 million and we have a strong army — although we hesitate to use its full force."

The core of the problem, Stolar adds, is that the PLO are killing the more moderate Palestinians. "If they stop this killing, everything will be free and democratic. According to the Camp David Agreement, the West Bank and Gaza will have equal rights just like every province in Canada."

Another Israeli guest, Dr. Arie Figer, an oncologist from Givataim, a suburb of Tel Aviv, is in Toronto to confer with the experts at the Bayview Regional Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Hospital. He said, "I was warmly accepted here and Toronto is a marvellous place."

Turning to the situation in Israel, Figer says he is also hopeful. "Without optimism, I wouldn't be an Israeli. There is only one way to be an Israeli — with optimism."

He believes that things will change in Israel "with more logic and sense coming from all the world such as Russia. I hope we will soon be able to talk peace, not war."

Despite the difficulties in Israel, he adds, "I think Israel is the best place for Jews, but I don't think I have the right to tell others where to live."

As the music played on and the voices rose singing Yerushalayim Shel Zahav and other emotion-filled melodies, the Weilers and the celebrants echoed the hope and spirit that are the cornerstone of Israel's past and its future.

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Organizations and People

Citizen of the Year

B'nai B'rith Ottawa honors Norman Zagerman

By
REESA AARON

OTTAWA —
B'nai B'rith's Ottawa Lodge hailed Norman Zagerman as its 1988 Citizen of the Year at a dinner held recently at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue.

More than 450 guests arrived at the $75-a-plate affair to pay tribute to the man who is affectionately referred to as the "Vaadfather," a parody on Vaad Ha'ir, Hebrew for Jewish Community Council.

Zagerman was recognized for his successes over the years as a community fund raiser and volunteer worker in both the Jewish and general community.

Among his many charitable activities, he has actively participated in fund raising drives by the United Jewish Appeal, Carleton University, the University of Ottawa and Israel-based universities, the Ottawa Civic and Ottawa General Hospitals, Hillel Lodge, and the Israel Cancer Research Fund.

Norman Zagerman

In the area of community service, he has devoted time to the Social Planning Council of Ottawa-Carleton, Jewish Community Council and served on the boards of Carleton University, Algonquin College, Ottawa General Hospital and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Zagerman has earned the mantle of the Vaadfather, said long-time friend Sol Shinder. "Norman reads the minutes of every single Vaad meeting. His largesse is felt by many. In addition to being a consummate sportsman, he's also the best fund raiser around."

Stephen Victor, president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council, said that Zagerman "lives and breathes" the Ottawa Jewish community. "It's his lifeblood. No one has contributed more throughout his lifetime than Norman with his time, energy and money."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Durrell has these kind words to say: "Norman Zagerman is a gentleman. He treats everyone the same. And he is gifted with the unique ability to make everyone feel important."

Zagerman was born in Ottawa in 1929. He went to Carleton College, where he earned a Bachelor of arts degree, and upon graduation in 1951 joined the family business, founded by his father Morris.

He is currently president of M. Zagerman & Co. Ltd., Steel, Industrial and Lumber merchants, and is admired for still doing business the old-fashioned way — with a handshake.

Carrying on the family philanthropic tradition, Zagerman started his involvement as a volunteer at the age of 16 in the Young People's Division of the United Palestine Appeal in 1945 and has not stopped for the past 44 years.

Zagerman and his wife Carole are the parents of sons Mark, Joel and Laurie and daughter Andrea.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Rabbi Reuven Bulka. Jack Smith, chairman of the B'nai B'rith dinner, presented Zagerman with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Arab student gets Wolf grant

HERZLIA —
Kamal Khawaled, the first Arab PhD candidate at Ben-Gurion University, is one of 180 Israeli students and researchers to receive a scholarship or grant from The Wolf Foundation for the current academic year, it was announced recently.

A PhD student in microbiology and biochemistry at the department of biology of Ben-Gurion University, Beersheva, the 28-year-old Khawaled is the author of articles on entomology in scientific journals, and has presented papers on the subject at international conferences.

One of his projects is aimed at importing biocontrol of mosquitos through the understanding of environmental and behavioral patterns. He was a research assistant last year at the department of entomology of the University of California, Riverside.

Khawaled, born in the Moslem village of Sha'ab in the lower Galilee, is one of eight brothers. Before beginning his academic career he worked in road construction.

The Wolf Foundation has distributed grants and scholarships totalling more than $1.8 million to 2,300 graduate and undergraduate students in institutions of higher education in Israel since 1978. Its annual awards of $100,000 each to Wolf Prize laureates in the fields of medicine, agriculture, physics, chemistry, mathematics and the arts are known as Israel's Nobel Prizes.

The Wolf Foundation was established "to promote science and art for the benefit of mankind" by the late Dr Ricardo Wolf, a German-born chemist who emigrated to Cuba before World War I, and was Cuban ambassador to Israel.

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Organizations and People

Cantorial concert to benefit learning disabled children

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
A cantorial concert will be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, at 8.p.m., Wednesday, May 31 for the benefit of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim and She'arim Hebrew Day School, a school for children with learning problems.

Featured cantors will be Louis Danto, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; Benjamin Maissner, Holy Blossom Temple; David Bagley, Beth Sholom Synagogue; Efraim Sapir, Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Armand Moyal. The Beth Tikvah Choir, conducted by Srul Glick, will also perform.

She'arim was founded 19 years ago by Rabbis Joseph Kelman and Irwin Witty, and a group of parents, concerned that learning disabled children could not get a Jewish education.

Since its founding, it has earned an excellent reputation, said fundraising committee member Connie Kachuck, for its remarkable work in assisting youngsters to improve their learning skills and gain a sense of self-worth in a Jewish environment.

Many students have been re-integrated into regular day schools or the public school system.

She'arim serves the entire Jewish community, from the secular to Reform to the very Orthodox. It takes pride in instilling tolerance and understanding in its pupils, while still emphasizing traditional Jewish practice, said outgoing principal Elaine Rubinoff.

Chairman of the concert, and of a major fundraising effort currently ongoing for the school is Alex Eisen, who, Kachuck said, has supported many charitable causes in Toronto. He is being helped by Sam Sable, Isaac Jesin, Max Zeifman, and Connie and Ben Kachuck, among others.

Tax deductible receipts, which include reserved seats, are $1,000 Benefactors; $500 Sponsors; $250 Patrons; $100 Donors; $54 Chai Supporters; $36 Friends. General admission is $9.

Call Beth Tikvah Synagogue at 221-3433, for more information or make checks payable to Toronto Cantorial Trust Fund, c/o Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3088 Bayview Ave., Willowdale, M2N 5L3.

Cantor E. Kirshblum (left), liaison between Toronto Council of Hazzanim, and the committee: Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue (centre) and Alex Eisen, concert chairman.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS REMEMBERED

The 9th annual Christian service in memory of the victims of the Holocaust was held recently at St. Ansgar Lutheran Church (CJN May 18). Memorial candles were lit by (from left) Andrew Bourne, Blessed Sacrament Church; Peter Brown, Blessed Sacrament Church; Daniel Shultz, Adath Israel Congregation; Fred Nicholls, and his sister Tara, children and grandchildren of survivors, Holy Blossom Temple; and Francis Moens, son and grandson of Dutch rescuers.

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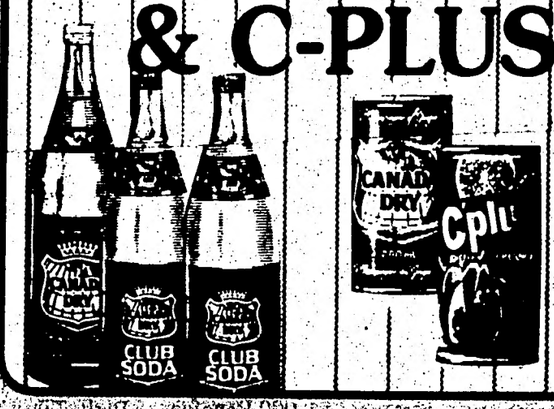

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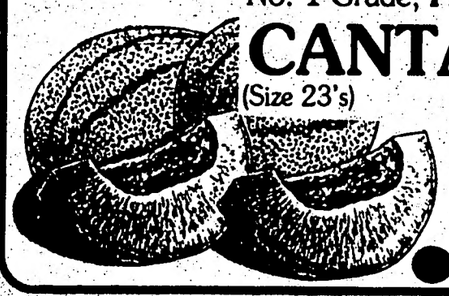
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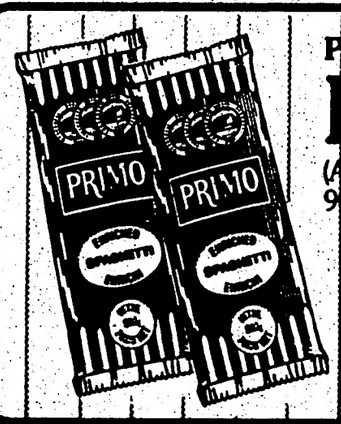

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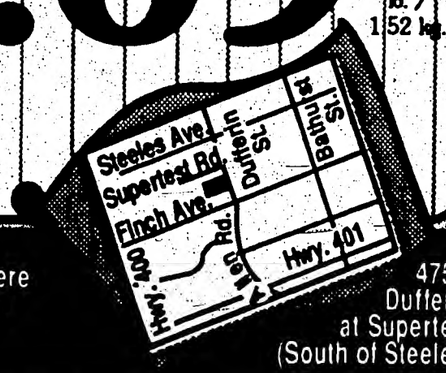

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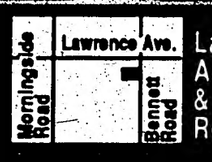

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Organizations and People

Windsor resident termed man for all seasons

Mechanic feted at Yeshiva U tribute dinner

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

WINDSOR —

One of Windsor's outstanding community leaders, David Mechanic, the chairman of the board of Checker Industrial Rubber and Tire and secretary of Ronda Holdings, was honored recently by Yeshiva University of New York for his civic and philanthropic endeavors.

More than 200 family members, friends and supporters of Yeshiva University attended a tribute dinner at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim where Mechanics' parents, Ida and William Mechanic, were founding members and where Mechanic and his wife Lorraine have been actively involved since 1946.

Moe Closs, president of Chrysler Canada, the honorary chairman of the tribute dinner, described the honoree, the first Windsorite to receive an award from Yeshiva University, as a man for all seasons.

"He is a businessman, but more than that, he served his country in the air force, a family man with four children — active in the Windsor Jewish community, this congregation, the Community Centre, Yeshiva University, but it doesn't stop there. He's also been involved in the total community, the Welfare Council, Crippled Children, Goodwill Industries, Canadian Legion, civil defence, and the Traffic Safety Association both here and provincially.

"He's a quiet man because many of the other things no one knows about — he just does them, and he does them because he's the kind of person he is."

On behalf of Windsor-area MP Herb Gray, Closs congratulated Mechanic "for his outstanding contributions to the Jewish community and the community at large."

Rabbi Jerome Lipsitz, the national director of the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University, explained that the purpose of the dinner was to honor an outstanding member of the community and to raise funds for the Bora Laskin Scholarship Fund for Canadian students who require financial assistance.

The rabbi explained that all monies raised in Canada go to fund Canadian students. "Today, of the 7,500 students attending Yeshiva University — there are some 120 Canadian boys and girls.

"If the Jewish community in Canada is determined to remain a viable community, if we are going to have institutions and synagogues, if we are going to have future generations committed to a Jewish way of life, this can only be done by having the proper leadership."

Keynote speaker Jeffrey Gurock, a noted historian and author of four books, spoke about his latest publication, The Men and Women of Yeshiva, Higher Education, Orthodoxy and American Judaism.

Gurock, academic assistant to Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, explained that the book is a study of the alumni of Yeshiva University "students who live in [illegible] comfortable in both cultures, and who have and will make contributions to the survival of North American Jewry and World Jewry."

He made a presentation to Mechanic on behalf of Yeshiva saying: "For his family, he built a great business, for his country he served with distinction, for his Jewish community, he was there when you needed him. And for the entire community — he's a role model for your community."

Nathan and Bill Mechanic, sons of the honoree, introduced their father. Nathan said that his father taught him his credo, "You have a responsibility to leave this place a better world than you found it." He added that his father set this example for him, his brother and his sisters Sharon (Wohl) and Esther (Stein).

Speaking of his father's accomplishments, Bill said that despite his father's very poor health and numerous operations, he always returned to his communal work and his hobby, boating. "Each time the doctors told him how sick he really was, he went out and bought a bigger boat."

The honoree expressed his appreciation for the tribute and his gratitude to G-d for giving him "a family that supported my activities and the health to continue my work in the community." Mechanic told of the long friendship his family had with Dr. Samuel Belkin, the former president of Yeshiva University who lived with the Mechanic family in Windsor when he was a young rabbi.

Sam Cohen, president of Shaar Hashomayim, served as chairman of the tribute dinner. He thanked the members of the committee [illegible] Mae Gumprich, Max Gumprich, Pinkas Jarcaig, Rob Katzman, Brenda Kovinsky brought regrets from Skip Kovinsky, the chairman of the tribute committee, who [illegible] dinner.

David Mechanic (centre) of Windsor, the honoree of Yeshiva University's tribute dinner is seen with Moe Closs (right) president of Chrysler Canada, the honorary chairman of the tribute, and dinner chairman Sam Cohen.

YU rabbi to talk to Western group

VANCOUVER —

Rabbi Francis Nataf, director of the *kiruv* (outreach) program at Yeshiva University will speak about Jewish business ethics May 25 and 28 at Sephardi Congregation Beth Hamidrash here.

Kiruv is designed to strengthen Jewish identity by conducting study and cultural programs on university campuses in the United States and Canada.

Rabbi Nataf will conduct a program at 7.30 p.m. May 26 at the synagogue at 3231 Heather St. The program will be preceeded by a Sephardi style dinner.

He will also speak on May 28 at a 3 p.m. tea at the home of Rabbi David Bassous, Beth Hamidrash's spiritual leader, 866 W. King Edward Ave. The community is invited to both programs. For more information, contact the synagogue at (604) 872-4222.

The program is being sponsored by YU's Sephardic Community Activists Program, whose functions include developing congregations in the U.S., Canada and Latin America, placing Sephardic rabbis, teachers and cantors, developing new Sephardic communities, sponsoring conferences and promoting Spanish-language Jewish material.

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loving husband and devoted father
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Seniors residence finds opposition

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
A group of homeowners around north Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue are taking the City of Winnipeg to court over city council's decision in February to approve construction of a 6-storey Jewish seniors residence on the shul grounds.

The residents' group is upset because they feel they were denied the right to fully voice their objections at a city zoning committee meeting in November.

"We came with six presentations," said Jean Usiskin, spokesperson for the group. "We gave our list of speakers to the community clerk. We weren't told both sides would be limited to two speakers. We walked away feeling quite frustrated."

The Rosh Pina's decision to build the home was based on surveys in the Jewish community which indicated a real need for another residence for seniors in North Winnipeg. Over 300 responses came in reply to a questionnaire.

The Rosh Pina Housing Co-op Ltd., formed by the synagogue members (over 900 families are Rosh Pina members) is planning on an 87-suite co-op complex with a mix of 1- and 2-bedroom suites. The complex is to be connected to the synagogue by a climate-controlled walkway.

The neighbors' expressed concern regarding the home's height and density. Usiskin, whose husband is Jewish, says group members would be willing to accept a 3-storey structure which wouldn't cast shadows and would maintain the aspects of the neighborhood they feel is important.

"We contacted the CMHA about the viability of a 3-storey structure," she said. "But the developers don't want to compromise."

Len Podheiser, chairman of the Rosh Pina Synagogue building committee, counters that a 3-storey building would not be economically viable. (The original proposal was for an 11-storey building.)

The home's opponents are also concerned about increased traffic in the neighborhood — "Almost every senior I know drives," says Usiskin — and a possible bus route going through.

Speaking on behalf of the Rosh Pina, Rabbi Sholom Rappaport describes opposition to the seniors residence as "unjustified and based on illusory concerns. In my opinion," he said, "the residence can only have a positive effect on the neighborhood. It will upgrade the area and improve the whole atmosphere."

Usiskin claims to have some sympathy for her group's position from within the Jewish community but, she says, people are reluctant to speak against a synagogue. She describes a meeting she had with Rappaport as "a nice chat which resulted in no agreements."

If the city contests the matter, Usiskin concedes the case could drag on for a long time.

In the meantime, the Rosh Pina is going ahead with construction as soon as it receives the nod from the Federal Co-operative Program which is supplying a good portion of the funding.

Snow and Reichmann to chair JCT dinner

TORONTO —
Mickey Snow of the Edison Group and Albert Reichmann of Olympia & York Developments are co-chairmen of a tribute dinner and technical fair of the Jerusalem College of Technology, to be held Tuesday, June 13, at the Inn on the Park.

Established in 1969, JCT has played an integral role in the establishment of a formidable industrial base for the State of Israel, dinner organizers say. During its short history, the college has educated a generation of individuals, well-versed in Judaism and experts in technology.

The International Friends Award will be presented to David Sugar, an engineer who is recognized internationally for his expertise in the field of metalizing and vacuum coating. For many years, Sugar has supported the College. He served as an advisor and donated state-of-the-art machinery to the College to establish a Thin Film Technologies Centre.

Snow, an active member of Beth Sholom Synagogue and the Lions Club, announced that Kurt Rothschild, a member of the board of governors of JCT, will receive the Louis L. Lockshin Award for Communal Dedication.

Fred Tittel, who actively participated with Sugar in providing innovative equipment to the College said, "We are delighted that David Sugar, a Canadian, has been selected by the College to receive this prestigious award. Dave has made a significant contribution to numerous projects at the College for many years."

JCT's dinner committee members include Frimette Snow, Phyllis Sugar, David Brown, Murray Spivak, Leon Gasner, Jerry Klasner, Dan Haruni, Lionel Sharpe, Max Soberman and Martin Lockshin.

Mickey Snow

Microfiched studies sent to Moscow yeshiva

OTTAWA —
Microfiched cards of 100 volumes of reference works in Talmud and Jewish studies were sent to the newly established yeshiva in Moscow, Rabbi Yaakov Rosenes of Jerusalem, a former Ottawan, has announced, on behalf of the Canadian Friends of the Judaica Project of Ottawa.

The gift was made possible through an initiative of the Jewish Writers' Guild of Jerusalem, an institute founded to preserve on film, rare Jewish printed editions in danger of loss through deterioration. This non-profit cooperative, created by Rosenes some years ago, is supported by the Canadian Friends of the project.

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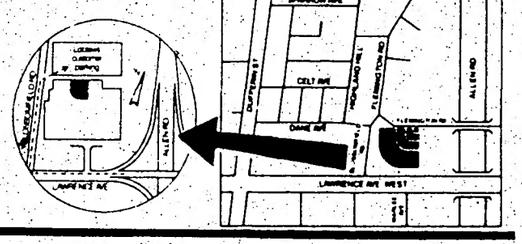

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Ontario Men's ORT election

Myer Brody named president of organization

By ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

There will be more cooperation between the Men's and Women's ORT organization, the outgoing president of Ontario Men's ORT told guests at the organization's biennial general election meeting held recently at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation.

Dr. Martin Dobkin said henceforth ORT men and women will be getting together on projects which will result in more money being raised for students attending ORT worldwide schools.

About 75 members from both Men's Ontario ORT and Women's Toronto ORT attended the event where a new slate of executive officers of Men's Ontario ORT was named.

Myer Brody, a past president of Holy Blossom Temple, was named the new president of the organization. Dobkin was named first vice-president and chairman of the board.

Walter Bick, Elie Mimran and Percy Rosen were named vice- presidents. Edward Bronfman, George Cohon, Paul Godfrey, Jack Israeli, Murray Koffler, North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Saul Mimram were named honorary presidents. Franklin Moskoff was named secretary-treasurer.

Dobkin added that Ontario Men's ORT was undertaking the single biggest fund raising event in its history when it hosts the Oct. 5 performance of The Phantom of the Opera. He said all proceeds from the special performance will go to set up a Chair in honor of Elie and Esther Mimram, at the ORT school in Karmiel, Israel.

The evening highlight was a first-hand account of their studies by two students representing ORT Schools abroad.

Sandra Sedler, 18, a computer science student at ORT School in Buenos Aires, said she was happy to be attending the school because there are few Jewish schools in her city.

"I know many Jewish children who never had Jewish education who are now being taught Jewish subjects for the first time at ORT."

Robin Jhirad, a computer student at the ORT School in Bombay, said the school there gave him the chance to learn Hebrew and study Jewish history for the first time in his life as well as the opportunity to participate in the Jewish holidays for which ceremonies are conducted by the students themselves.

Both Sedler and Jhirad also spoke about the high level of technical training at the schools.

After introducing the two students, Sally Waldman, Toronto Women's ORT, said ORT was a factor against assimilation for young Jewish people.

Justice Sidney Robins, of the Ontario Court of Appeal, the evening's keynote speaker, was introduced by Frank Moskoff. Robins explained how the appeal court operates and its role in society.

He said the Charter of Rights presents a new challenge for judges who must now balance the interests of many conflicting groups in society.

"The goal of our profession is to help people live together not by power but by what is just," Robins said.

In appreciation for his 4-year service as president of Ontario Men's ORT, Israel Cohen, the organization's executive director, presented Dobkin with a kiddish cup and also read a letter of gratitude from Ontario industry minister Monte Kwinter, on behalf of the government.

Pictured are Martin Dobin (left), Justice Sidney Robins (centre) and Myer Brody.

Phantom benefit to assist ORT

TORONTO —

When ORT meets "The Phantom" for a special benefit performance this fall, the result will be a new chair for an ORT school in Israel named in honor of a Toronto couple, Elie and Esther Mimran.

Proceeds from the Oct. 5 performance of the Phantom of The Opera will go to endow a chair in the name of Elie and Esther Mimran at the ORT Braude International Institute at Karmiel, Israel.

The Mimrans, who came to Canada from Casablanca, Morocco, in 1957, have long been known for their contributions to the Jewish community.

The kickoff for events leading up to the benefit performance, which is being hosted by Ontario Men's ORT and Toronto Women's ORT, took place at a cocktail reception held recently in the home of Irving and Dorothy Shoichet.

About 100 guests attended the event including the honorees, Elie and Esther Mimran and their sons Saul and Joseph.

Dr. Martin Dobkin, who organized the reception along with his wife Rachel, told The CJN that it is the first time a Sephardi family was being honored by the general Ashkenazi community here in Toronto.

After arriving here in Canada with their two small sons, Saul and Joseph, Elie worked in the wholesale foods business, while Esther continued her work as a dressmaker.

In 1976, the family formed what is now the Monaco Group, better known as Alfred Sung and Club Monaco. From its humble origins, this company now plays a leading role in the Canadian fashion industry.

Elie Mimran has served as president of two Sephardi synagogues here: the Magen David Sephardic Congregation and Anshe Castillia Petah Tikvah.

He has worked on behalf of UJA campaigns, Israel Bond chairman, is a board member of the Sephardi community's only day school, Or Haemet, as well as a long time supporter of the French speaking B'nai B'rith lodge, La Fraternite.

Hostess Dorothy Shoichet, past president of Women's Canadian ORT, told the gathering there were 160,000 students in Israel waiting to be helped by the organization.

"ORT is the technological arm of the Jewish people and central to Israel's educational system," said Sally Waldman, speaking on behalf of the organization's board of directors.

"ORT Vocational and Technical Schools are the passport to employment for thousands of Jewish people," she added, "combining modern technology with the foundations of Judaism.

Dobkin, who is also president of Ontario Men's ORT, told the gathering that the Mimrans were success stories in both business and the life of the Jewish community.

Elie Mimran thanked the hosts and recalled that the year he arrived in Toronto, 1958, there was a great need to establish roots for the then small Sephardi community.

"Helping to establish the Sephardi community has enriched and fulfilled my life, he said, "and I would not have been able to do it without the support of my wife and sons."

He said ORT was performing the highest form of mitzvah because by giving them employable skills, it was freeing people from needing charity.

Entertainment for the reception was provided by Fern Lindzon, who played numerous tunes from the Phantom of the Opera and other show music on the piano.

An ORT video entitled The Sure Way To The Future was shown on a large television screen.

Other guests included Monte Kwinter, Minister of Industry; Israel Cohen, executive director of Men's ORT, Toronto; Diane Uslaner, director of Women's Canadian ORT; Max Silver, national director of Canadian ORT; and Ruth Druxer, chairman of the Karmiel Project.

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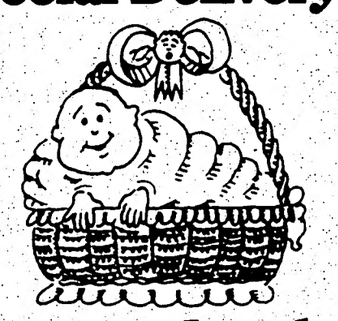

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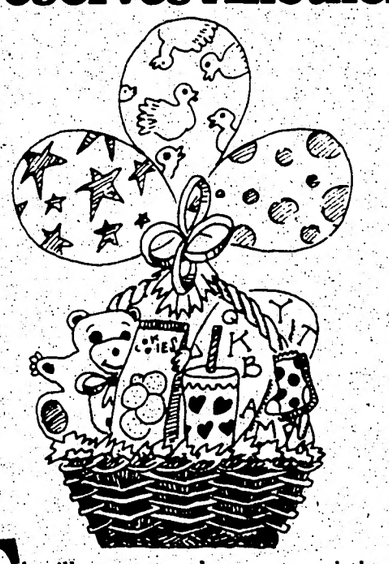

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Ex-Dior model has designer styles at appealing prices

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The phone rings again and Pearl Chan smiles apologetically.

Her daughter catches the call after the second ring. One call after another echoes through the tiny but cozy office and showroom of Chansfield Clothing at 11 Yorkville Ave.

The walls are lined with racks of garments in various colors and styles. Chansfield Clothing is carrying a spring/summer collection in pink, apple green, turquoise, taupe, porcelain, and of course, basic black.

Sitting in her brightly lit office, Chan, owner of the company, wears a navy Lagerfeld blazer with a black blouse and skirt. Although the outfits carry her label Prene, the styles are actually clones.

Chan specializes in copying designer names like Armani, Byblos, Lagerfeld and Rykiel among others. Chan modifies these styles to conform them to popular tastes. She uses only quality fabrics, such as silk from China and other natural fibres.

"Many designers do the same thing but they just don't admit it," said Chan smiling mischievously.

"We are not like the people who sell watches downtown and claim they are originals. People are thrilled when they find designer clothes for half the price.

"I have a lower overhead than most stores and no middle man. Everytime a garment passes through someone else, the price is raised," she said.

"Plus you have to add in rent and the cost of fabrics. The price really has nothing to do with the actual garment but rather outside controls."

Chansfield Clothing began in March 1988 and now is entering a third season. Many of her clients are referred to her company by other people in the industry or Chan's own consultants send the buyer in the right direction.

Chan said the first season was basically to test the market. Obviously, there was a need for the company as Chan now is considering franchising the line.

"I am looking at doing a franchise but with strict control. It would defeat the purpose to franchise and raise the prices of my garments when that is one of the appealing features."

Originally from Hong Kong, Chan attended the St. Martin's School of Art in London, England. She worked as a runway model for Dior in the 60s and was a former representative of sportswear designer Bobbi To.

"I don't regard myself as a designer. I know I can put pieces together, and I know what looks good. I also know what different trends will survive and what will come out in Toronto.

"I depend on that instinct. As well, I watch what people wear. I see them in restaurants and places like that so I pick a lot up just by observing," she said.

"Many designers do designs in their own little world so they seem to miss out on a lot — what is flattering etceteria. That's not the way to do it."

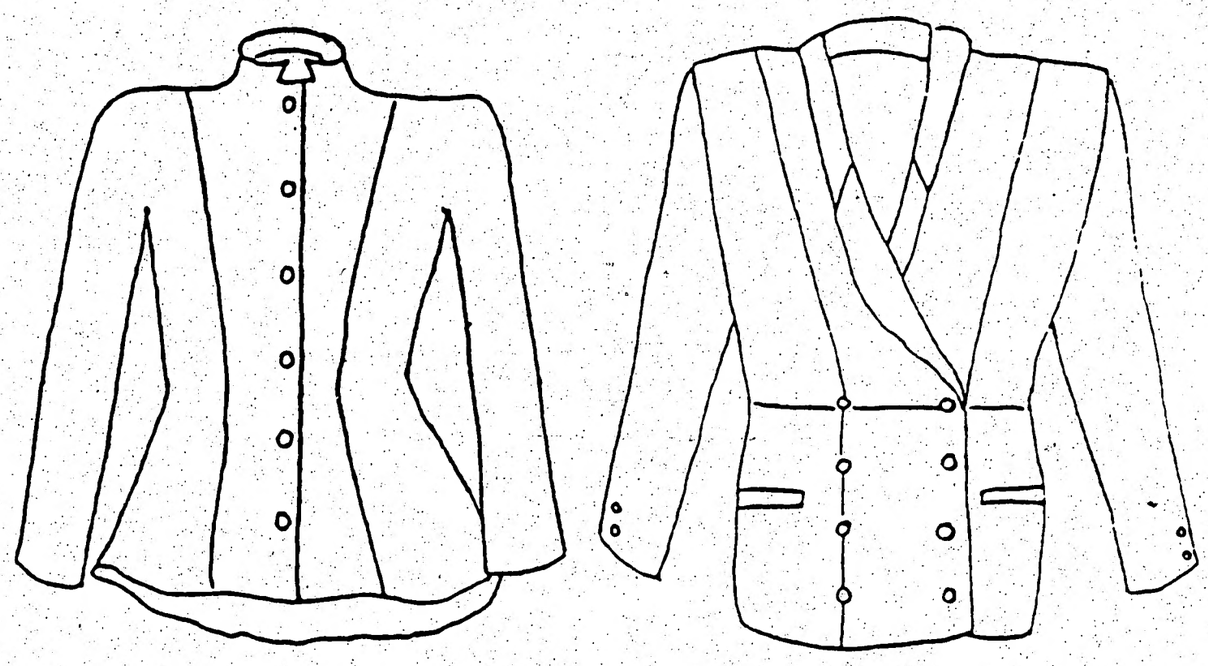
Chan's selection can be separated into four basic groups. The cool wools speak for themselves — lightweight 100% wool jackets in pink, navy, cream, taupe and cherry red.

The styles vary from a long wrap, a double-breasted shawl collar classic to a short jacket with a double row of buttons down the front. A blouse/jacket has been fashioned in various combinations of forest green and black, white and pink, cream and beige, and black and navy.

The 100% linen group features pales and brights in white, pink, black, natural, sea green and chartreuse.

To match or contrast with the jacket, Chan offers three skirts — a 7-panel bias-cut skirt, a wrap skirt and a straight-cut skirt. In pants, there is either a pleated wide-leg look or narrow high- waisted trousers.

The cotton group makes the move to warmer weather dressing with short and long divided skirts with elasticized waists, bermuda shorts and loose, cool blouses and bustiers.



Sophisticated, yet relaxed, the washed silk group, mostly in taupe and chartreuse, offers pieces for weekend wear. One particularly intriguing skirt style in the group features four pleats with slits.

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Fashion

Retailers design, manufacture revamped 50s look...

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

From the babyblue jukebox in the corner that plays Chuck Berry's Roll Over Beethoven to the boxed 1957 Chevrolet Corvette model cars that dot the store's shelves, J.J. Kars has successfully recreated the ambience and old-fashioned qualities of the 1950s.

Ducktails, bobby socks and poodle skirts are no longer today's fashion, but owners David and Rona Gold, and Marlene Landa have adapted some of the styles from that era, and incorporated them into a unique line of clothing designed specifically for boys.

"Basically, what we have done is taken what the kids are looking for and what the parents want them to look like and blended them," Landa said.

The ultimate mix appears to pamper all tastes.

The joint venture began three years ago. Gold, 37, whose family founded Marks and Spencer chain in Canada, was working in store operations and merchandising when he saw the need for an all-male clothing line that dealt specifically with the ages between eight and 14.

The female partners, who also own the Gold and Landa Arts, have experienced how difficult it is to dress young men with their own sons. They said the need for such a store like J.J. Kars was evident and the market was open.

Gold left the chain in January 1984, Marlene and Rona joined as business partners again, and J.J. Kars opened its doors four weeks later.

"We fill a gap," Mrs. Gold. "We have clothes for those children who are too old for kids wear, and too young for mens wear. We are geared to pre-teens and the teenagers."

The company designs its own styles. Durability, quality and style are a must for the merchandise. Landa says they try to carry classic styles that do not change. Seasonal clothing is avoided so the items may be worn for a longer period of time .

The store features items like full kosher bar mitzvah suits for the entire family, kosher shirts, Italian suits, colorful sweaters with co-ordinating shirts, and a vast array of silk ties. The casual line includes jeans, pants, T-shirts and sweatshirts that carry the store's Corvette.

It is, however, the Varsity jacket that is the biggest seller to date. In total, the Corvette is embroidered on the satin bomber with 6500 stitches.

Although the company was originally designed to sell boy's clothing, the owners have since expanded the business to include items sized large enough to fit men. Girls also find the J.J. Kars merchandise appealing so the female partners have taken to design lines that are unisex in both color and style.

What makes the company so popular with the young besides the clothes?

Landa, a trained social worker, and Gold, a grade 7 and 8 French school

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J.J. Kars jackets display the company's 57 Corvette graphic.

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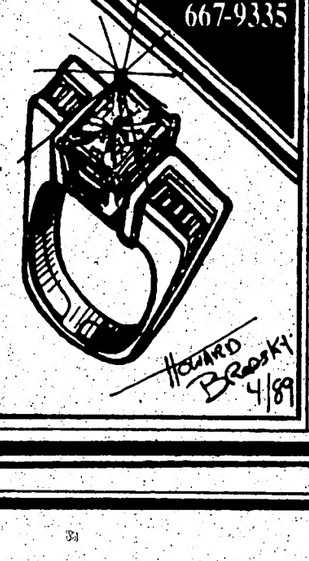

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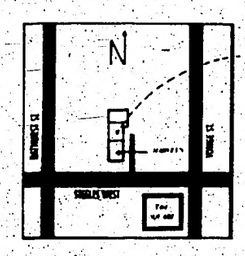

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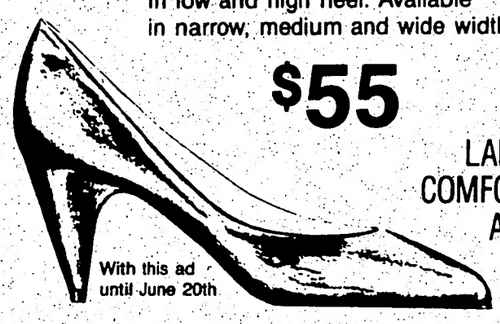

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...which blends kids' appeal with parents criteria

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teacher, both agree that the way the children are treated while in the store, keep them coming back.

"We treat them like people," Landa said. "We are dealing with a difficult time — adolescence. It is important for the kids to look good in the eyes of their friends. Each child is different in looks and weight, but we cater to those differences. The children walk out of here feeling like a million bucks."

As an insurance that each item will be a hit, the women pass the newest of their designs to the board of directors — their sons. The consultation with their children allows the designers to get some feedback and suggestions about certain pieces from the experts who will eventually be wearing the pieces.

One of the services the company offers is maintaining a catalogue which deals with the customer's history. This allows friends and family to buy items for the client that will match the wardrobe.

J.J. Kars has seen a period of terrific growth in the past three years. The chain now can be found at their original location on Eglinton Ave. West, as well as in Fairview Mall and at Square One in Missisauga.

"When we first began, the manufacturers were not too receptive, but now the shoe is on the other foot," Gold said. "At first, we were having trouble getting into the malls, and now we are being invited in but for the time being, we want to make sure we can walk before we run."

Besides expanding their merchandise to include watches and gift certificates, the owners have been asked to franchise their company.

"We are taking our time and being very selective," he said.

The store received the name J.J. Kars from a fitting source. The trio decided to send surveys out to several schools and the response was favorable. J.J. was the result. Kars came from the fact that David is a car fanatic.

"It was catchy," said the man who is known to some of his clients as Mr. Kars.

These youngsters model some of the unisex outfits that can be found at J.J. Kars.

Shiner tribute raises $60,000

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

More than $60,000 was raised by the Willowdale Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society at a recent fashion show at Toronto's Inn on the Park that was held in memory of Esther Shiner.

Shiner was a former controller and deputy major of North York. Because she was so well known in North York, the show was done in her memory, said Marlene Borins, social convener of the event.

"The show was an overwhelming success — it was like theatre. Phenomenal. At least 300 people attended and we hope to turn the show into an annual event," Borins said.

The fund raiser featured two Canadian designers. Brian Bailey, who works out of the House of Cowan, showed his line of spring and fall clothing that incorporated designs from casual to evening wear.

The second designer was Winston Kong, who owns a boutique in the Yorkville area and showed his line of evening wear.

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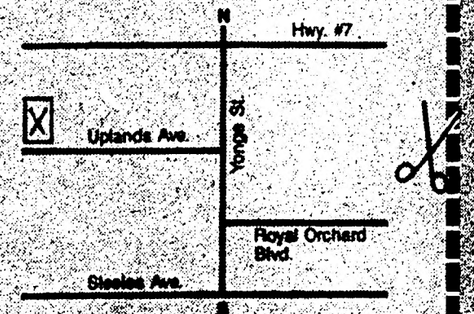

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Holocaust's Unanswered Questions are examined

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Unanswered Questions, edited by Francois Furet. Random House of Canada (paperbound) $22.50.

Many persistent problems about the Holocaust remain unresolved: Was it planned from the start, or was it a late development of the Nazi regime? Could it have occurred under a different political system? What was the extent of Jewish passivity in the face of terror and oppression? To what degree did the Jewish councils cooperate with the enemy? Is the Holocaust comprehensible from a theological point of view? Why did the political, moral, institutional and legal structures of Germany so quickly collapse and disintegrate? Why were a majority of the Jews in Bulgaria and Romania — and a portion of the Jews in Hungary — able to survive? Why has the revisionist approach to the Holocaust achieved a measure of success?

These, and a variety of similar questions, are discussed by 15 internationally acclaimed historians and scholars in this helpful book. The essayists come largely from the United States, Germany and Israel — the only Canadian is Toronto's Michael R. Marrus — and the material was first presented at a 1982 conference in France.

Amos Funkenstein who writes on the theological interpretations of the Holocaust argues that it is wrong to view the Holocaust as "incomprehensible." The crimes committed by the Nazis were of immense proportions. The horror and the suffering overwhelms our capacity to imagine. But it is possible to understand them rationally.

Writes the essayist, "It was neither bestial nor indeed pagan. It was, instead, an eminently human event in that it demonstrated those extremes which only man and his society are capable of doing or suffering."

Many Jews were saved in Romania and Bulgaria because in these countries the spark of national sovereignty was not completely extinguished. The desire to preserve a measure of freedom of action against Germany, as well as concern for the nation's future after the war led to resistance. It was not humanitarian concern that saved Jews but residual nationalism.

It is noteworthy that the revisionist scourge did not appear until after the widespread diffusion of the television film *Holocaust*. Not until the subject had become the object of mass consumption did antisemites begin to distort, warp and deny the Holocaust for their own evil purposes.

Two revisionist books, *The Hoax of the Twentieth Century* by Arthur Butz and *Der Auschwitz Mythos* by Wilhelm Staglich are rather remarkable for the seeming analytical manner in which they approach their material. The only flaw that mars these works is that the truth has been totally disregarded.

Those who engaged in the process of killing would not be recognized for what they were "if one talked to them in the living room or some other quiet place. Their social mores were not atypical and their family life and personal concerns were completely commonplace."

One astute observer has found that the most salient trait of German officialdom was a kind of stupefaction, a vast indifference to the nature and consequence of one's acts. Yet there was nothing banal about the way in which Eichmann and his colleagues went about their acts of destruction.

From time to time I am asked by well-meaning persons why old wounds should be opened. Why rake up the old coals? Isn't the entire matter better forgotten? I have replied that we cannot escape history. The Holocaust was the result of human shortcomings. Given a similar set of circumstances another Holocaust is possible, directed this time, who knows, at what racial, religious or national group. To know is not to forget, and not to forget is to make sure that it does not occur again.

Unanswered Questions is a timely and useful summary of what we have learned and now understand about all aspects of one of the most terrifying series of events in history.

Ottawa shul's art sale to include Israeli works

By REESA AARON

OTTAWA —

Congregation Machzikei Hadas will be hosting a major art exhibit and sale on Tuesday, May 30, in the shul's main auditorium, 2310 Virginia Dr.

The event will bring to Ottawa works by the major artists of Israel through the offices of the well-known Engel Gallery of Jerusalem, says chairperson Donna Strauss.

"This is a great educational and cultural opportunity," says Strauss. "The artistic aspect of Israeli life, as opposed to its politics, is one that we don't see enough of. Engel will be bringing over a real wealth of art, fine art."

Artists

Featured will be such noted artists as Agam, Abrahami, Argov, Bak, Castel, Gordon, Lifshitz, Moreh, Yerushalmi, and Zemer, among others.

Prices will range from as low as $50 up to items in the four figures.

The exhibit will open at 11 a.m. and the sale will commence at 6.30 p.m. in the evening. "Many work and can't make it over during the day," Strauss said. "By having the sale in the evening, everyone will have a fair chance to buy."

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Arts

Richler's new Jacob Two-Two is funny-funny hit

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Nothing succeeds like excess. That philosophy of super abundance is the motto of Mordecai Richler's latest stage contribution to Canadian KidLit.

So let's be equally generous. As a reward for its funny, funny humor, I herewith add an extra "hip" to my cheer as I offer a hip, hip, hip, *hip* hoorah saluting *Jacob Two-Two And The Dinosaur.*

Richler's charming new musical, sure to enchant kiddies and parents alike, runs until June 12 at the Young People's Theatre (165 Front St. E., 363-5131).

It is, of course, the sequel to the 1984 stage version of his novel, *Jacob Two-Two Meets The Hooded Fang*, which won a Dora Award as outstanding new musical, has been mounted three times over the past four years, and broke box office records at the YPT.

Gifted though they are, the real stars of the present show are not the two 9-year-old youngsters, Daniel Grande and Tharanos Kasekas, who alternate in playing Jacob Two-Two. (That loquacious, 8-year-old hero is so named, because he must repeat everything twice to be heard over the din of his two older brothers and two older sisters.)

Alec Willows, as a mad scientist examines Dippy, the 65-million-year-old monster, in Jacob Two-Two And The Dinosaur at Young People's Theatre.

One neglected star who deserves more recognition is Dennis Lee, the prize-winning Toronto poet noted for his witty children's books, *Alligator Pie* and *Jelly Belly*.

Lee wrote the cunningly sophisticated words for the catchy rock, reggae and country and western tunes composed by Russian-born Phil Balsam for both Jacob Two-Two musicals. Lee's lyrics for the present show, reminiscent of Dr. Seuss at his best, convulsed me with laughter — especially *Darn Thing Grew* and *We're Gonna Getchoo.*

Both songs relate to the show's gargantuan superstar who warrants solo top billing. He's Dippy the Dinosaur (so nick-named, because he's a descendant of the Diplodocus species, extinct for 65,200,222 years). Dippy is a green, slimy, sway backed beast, 18 feet long and 7 feet high, but he's adorable.

He's a singing, dancing, talking monster, with soulful red eyes, a darting pink tongue, and an enormous appetite that's satisfied only when he gobbles up 50 pizzas at a time, tin-foil plates and all. Dippy is embarrassed when these snacks result in huge rude belches, producing freak garlic-smelling sandstorms.

He apologises nicely for his lack of politeness. "After all, I'm not civilized," he says, modestly batting his long eyelashes. "I'm just a prehistoric slob."

It's little wonder that Jacob finds the pea-brained slob so lovable. The boy adopts Dippy as his pet when his parents bring back the cute, tiny lizard smuggled past Canadian customs inside a shoe after a holiday safari in Kenya.

Jacob continues to love his companionable pet — even after it has ballooned into a mammoth and is regarded as a pest by the non-comprehending adult world. The pair run away from home, intent on finding a haven in the British Columbia Rockies, where Dippy's ancestors used to roam.

Alas, they are hounded by two villainous authority figures, hilariously satirized by Richler as archetypes of hypocritical Canadian politicians and nutty, inhumane scientists.

One is nobody less than Prime Minister Perry Pleaser (Neil Foster), a showoffy egomaniac, surrounded by five grovelling, two-faced yesmen, cleverly double-masked. The demagogue is determined to recover his lost popularity and win votes at any cost. So, like the knightly St. George of olden times, he sets himself up as the "Prime Ministerial Dragon Slayer," resolved to hunt down the innocent Dippy, now depicted on posters as a "vicious, vile dragon at large."

He is abetted in this evil enterprise by his chief consultant, the paleontologist Prof. Wacko Killowatt (Alec Willows), who looks like a demented Albert Einstein with his mop of frizzy hair. Earlier, the ersatz scientist had dismissed Dippy as either an elephant disguised as a hoax, or a figment of Jacob's imagination.

Now the professor advises Pleaser to call out the army and pulverize the monstrous brute. What if Jacob is killed during the attack? "Then we'll give him a military funeral," Wacko suavely replies, "and you'll look heroically great weeping over the boy on TV."

The National's news anchorman, Peter Mansbridge, and wife, CBC reporter Wendy Mesley, make impressive cameo appearances playing themselves. I was vastly entertained by Mansbridge's straight-faced report solemnly intoned on TV monitors in the theatre:

"Good evening. I have a special announcement to make: 'Wanted, dead or alive, Canada's most dangerous desperado, Jacob Two-Two. One million dollars reward.'"

After a pause, he continues less ponderously:

"However, due to a shortage of funds, I'm reliably informed that the government of Canada will pay out this reward at the rate of one dollar a year over a million years. This announcement, which I have just read, is signed: 'The Right Honorable Perry Pleaser, your lovable, huggable Prime Minister.'"

It's a huggable show, which ends on an upbeat note with Jacob Two-Two somersaulting across the stage followed by Dippy waddling in a dinosaur dance.

Israel depicted in photo exhibit

TORONTO —

A photographic exhibit by David Rubinger capturing highlights of the first 40 years of Israeli history will be exhibited in the main lobby of the Leah Posluns Theatre from May 30 to June 11.

The 80-picture exhibition, titled Witness to an Era, provides a valuable and often poignant insight into the ethos of the state and its people, organizers say. It was mounted to form part of Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations.

Visitors to the exhibit will find many of the great events since Israel's independence as well as examples of everyday life documented by Rubinger, a veteran photographer who received his first assignment from Time Magazine in 1954.

The display will be held under the patronage of Israeli Consul General Benjamin Abileah and Ruth Abileah, the Koffler Gallery, the Leah Posluns Theatre and Toronto Jewish Congress. It is sponsored by the Minden Foundation.

Rubinger will be on hand at the Koffler Gallery to present a lecture on the exhibit on Thursday, June 1 at 8 p.m. RSVP 636-2145.

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Seven new Hebrew U bursaries will honor prominent Canadians

TORONTO —

The Society for Recognition of Canadian Talent Inc., has established seven bursaries in dramatic arts at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in honor of seven prominent Canadians, it was announced by York Alderman Ben Nobleman, Society president.

The seven are: Ontario Premier David Peterson; theatre owner Ed Mirvish; movie producer Norman Jewison; Cineplex president Garth Drabinsky; industrialists Paul Reichmann and Charles Bronfman; and philanthropist Bluma Appel.

In addition, the Society presents two annual bursaries in radio broadcasting at Humber College in honor of Lorne Green and Monty Hall; three in theatre arts at York University honoring performers Kate Reid, Mavor Moore and Herbert Whittaker; and two in music at Humber College in memory of two former society vice-presidents, Jack Lemen and Tony Giosefitto.

Norman Jewison

David Peterson

Ed Mirvish

Two new bursaries were initiated this year at Humber in radio broadcasting in honor of director Arthur Hiller, and actor Larry Mann.

A full scholarship in journalism has been established at Ryerson in memory of the late Alderman George Ben, one of the founders of the Society.

The Lorne Greene Memorial Award has been established at the School of Radio and Television Arts at Ryerson. It is a scholarship given annually to the first year student showing the most improvement during the school year.

Donations to the Society are tax deductible and can be mailed to 881 Eglinton Ave., Suite 204, Toronto M6C 2C1.

Small space for Herring Gull's Egg

Tolerance needed to enjoy play

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

When pollution in the Great Lakes reaches a certain level, the eggs of the herring gull become too thin to maintain the life inside. This is a statement of fact, not speculation, and is the starting point for Mary Vingoe's play The Herring Gull's Egg, a Nightwood Theatre production at Theatre Muraille Backspace until May 28.

Melanie (Donna Goodhand) is pregnant but she doesn't know whether to carry the baby to term because of environmental poisoning. Her marriage to Jack (Alan Williams), an unemployed marine biologist driving a cab for a living, appears to be on the rocks.

To solve one of these problems Melanie leaves Jack behind and moves to Nova Scotia where her friend Moira (Kate Lynch) has a farm.

Here, a young neighbor David (David Kinsman), an aberrant sculptor, adds to Melanie's fears about having the baby. Diseases such as Rye Syndrome in infants caused by chemical spruce budworm add to her dilemma.

The denouement, surprisingly, in view of what went before, is a hopeful one.

To enjoy this play, one should bring to it a tolerance for cramped sets on a small stage and as well for a playwright who believes in letting her characters do things which are never explained. It's as if playwright Vingoe thinks there is virtue in having dialogue circling the earth as so much space garbage.

For instance, early in the play, Melanie tells Jack that the baby is not his, but later she says it is, and we never learn which statement is true.

The snapshot-short scenes often end with conflicts unresolved or undefined but again the author may be inviting the audience to fill in their own pictures. Evidently she has more than one option of her own.

The acting is solid with Donna Goodhand as the mercurial Melanie being particularly strong. The theatre is at 16 Ryerson Ave., Queen-Bathurst area, 363-2416.

Show examines Arab/Jewish ties

MONTREAL —

David Shipler's Pulitzer Prize-winning book about relations between Arabs and Jews in Israel, *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land* forms the basis of a 2-hour special airing 9 p.m. Monday, May 29 on Vermont ETV (Channel 33) and 9 p.m. May 29 and 2 p.m. May 30 on WNED-TV Buffalo (Channel 17).

Shot on location in Israel, the special examines the tensions between Arabs and Jews living within Israel and the territories. It explores the two peoples' prejudices and interactions, images and stereotypes, and touches upon personal, sensitive matters and deeply held beliefs, according to a PBS release.

"This is a time of great pain and possible opportunity for both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs," says Shipler, executive producer, chief writer and narrator for the program. "The roots of their conflict, deeply embedded in attitudes that are taught and learned and acted out in daily violence, need to be understood.

"This program makes its contribution by getting inside people's minds, illuminating the dimensions of belief and fear that govern the intricate Arab-Jewish relationship."

Shipler is former Jerusalem bureau chief of the New York Times. His book, on which the program is based, has been praised by both Arab and Jewish leaders. He is now the Times' chief diplomatic correspondent.

Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land was produced by WETA Washington, and Robert Gardner and Associates. Producer/director is Robert Gardner, who recently won a national Emmy Award as the director of The Courage to Care, a study of rescuers of European Jews during the Holocaust.

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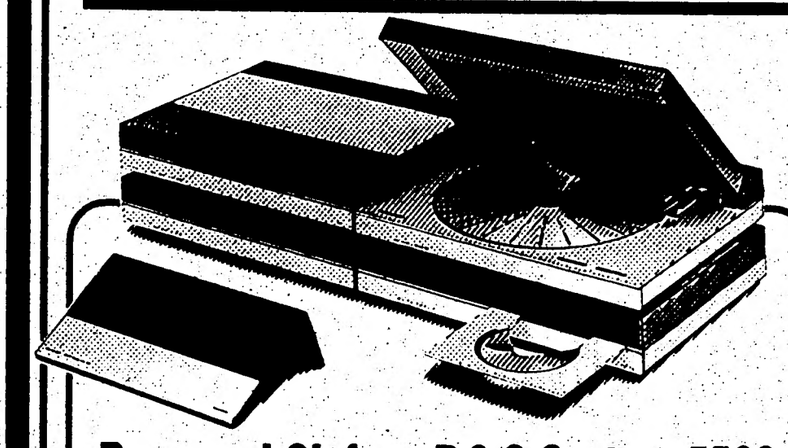

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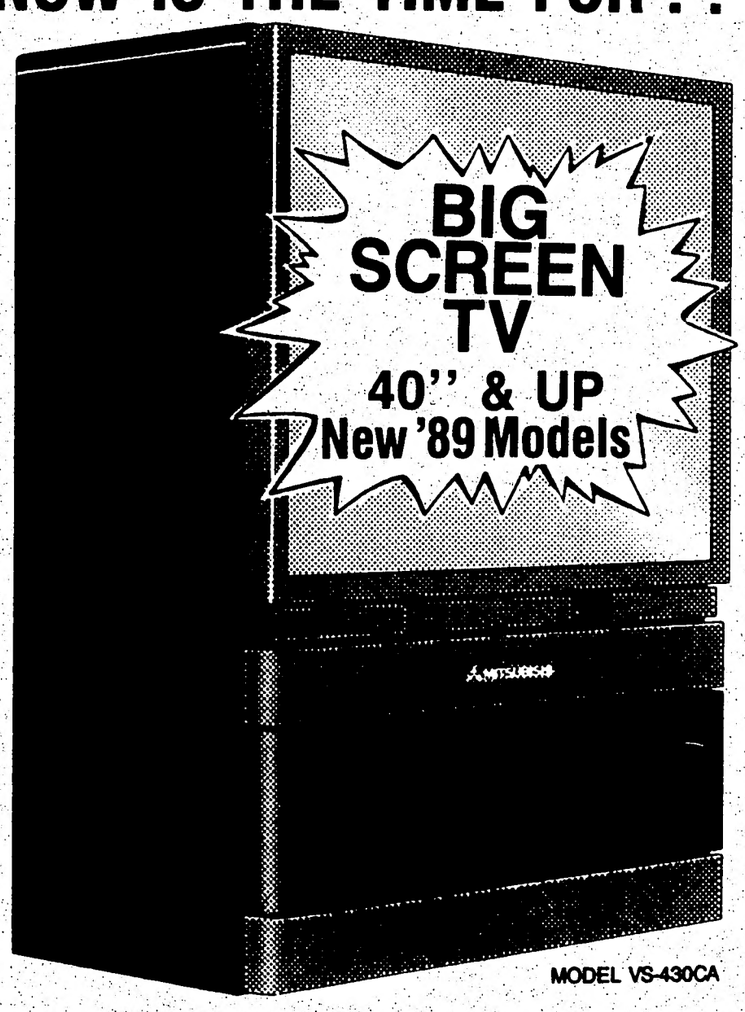

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Arts

Showbiz Mishmash

Shaw and Stratford whoop-de-doos open for season

By
FRANK RASKY

It's that time again for Canada's two bigtime theatre whoop-de-doos — the **Shaw Festival** and the **Stratford Festival** — to swing into action for the summer and fall at their official press openings.

By the time you read this, I'll be in Niagara-on-the-Lake, covering the five first openings this week of the Shaw Festival's 27th season.

The following week, beginning on May 29, I'll be attending the six first openings of the Stratford Festival's 37th season.

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By the end of its season on Oct. 15, the Shaw Festival, steered by artistic director **Christopher Newton**, will have presented 11 productions. They'll be attended by an expected 300,000 patrons paying $6.3 million at the box-office. (For ticket information, phone toll free from Toronto 416-361-1544.)

So far as I'm concerned, its No. 1 attraction promises to be **George Bernard Shaw's** comic classic, *Man and Superman*. The headliner in the cast is that distinguished, 69-year-old defector from the Stratford Festival, **William Hutt**, in the character role of the antiquated liberal, Rosebuck Ramsden. **Michael Ball** plays the Victorian Don Juan, John Tanner, frightened of marriage, and **Kate Trotter** the aggressive feminist, Ann Whitefield, in hot pursuit of her reluctant husband-to-be.

Also promising are **Douglas Rain** and **Susan Wright** in Shaw's 1907 social satire of outmoded marriage laws, *Getting Married*; **Irene Hogan, Sandy Webster, Jim Mezon** and **Wendy Thatcher** in **Henrik Ibsen's** 1967 masterpiece, *Peer Gynt*; those two superb farceurs, **Bob Wood** and **Nora McLellan**, in **Arthur W. Pinero's** backstage melodrama, *Trelawny of the "Wells"*; **Charlotte Moore** and **Bob Ainslie** in the **B. G. DeSylva-Ray Henderson** college football musical, *Good News*; that seasoned character actor-director **Tony Van Bridge** as the police inspector in **J. B. Priestley's** who-dunit, *An Inspector Calls*; and **Ronnie Burkett's** puppeteer version of Shaw's rarely produced *Shakes Vs. Shav* — about the dingdong battle G.B.S. waged against the Bard of Stratford-upon-Avon.

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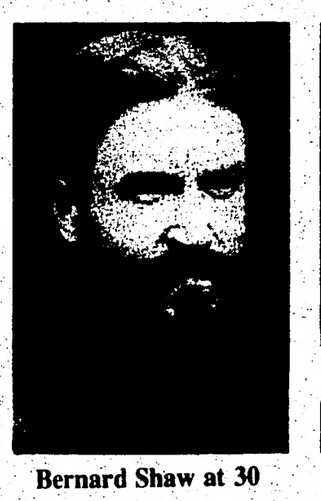
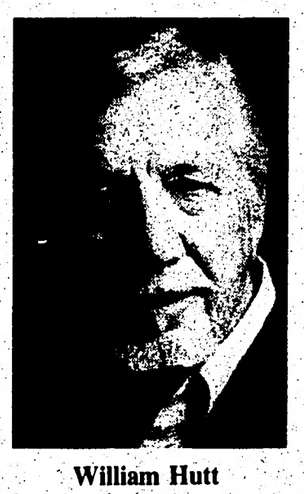
By the end of its season on Oct. 29, Ontario's Stratford company, under the guidance of artistic director **John Neville**, will have staged 12 productions. They're expected to draw 460,000 patrons and gross an estimated $12.2 million. (For ticket information, phone toll free from Toronto 363-4471.)

So far as Jews are concerned, the Shakespearean play that will be scrutinized most attentively is certain to be the Bard's controversial *Merchant of Venice*. **Brian Bedford** will portray the moneylender, Shylock, who vengefully demands the pound of flesh owed to him by the taunting Jew-baiter, Antonio, played by **Nicholas Pennell**.



Bernard Shaw at 30

Kate Trotter



William Hutt

Sally Cahill

Brian Bedford

Jayne Lewis

I'm eager to see how the handsome light comedian, **Geraint Wyn Davies**, handles the heroic title role of Shakespeare's *Henry V*; **Jayne Lewis** in the title role of *Kiss Me Kate*, the **Cole Porter** musical based on Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*; Goldie Semple in the title role of **Tennessee Williams'** classic *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*; **Lucy Peacock, Sally Cahill** and **Wenna Shaw** in **Anton Chekov's** *Three Sisters*.

To help prepare yourself for a fuller understanding of the Shakespearean plays — especially *Merchant of Venice* — I recommend two recent analytical collections of essays. One is the lucidly written *New Prefaces to Shakespeare* by **John Wilders**, literary consultant for the BBC's productions of the Bard's entire dramatic output (Oxford University Press; 284 pages; $23.95). The other is *Puzzling Shakespeare* by **Prof. Leah S. Marcus**, which puts the plays in a historical context (University of California Press; 267 pages; $32.50).

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If you wish to truly savor the Shavian plays, I urge you to read in advance of your theatregoing the first volume of an exhilarating and authoritative new biography of the great man himself. It's titled *Bernard Shaw: The Search for Love, 1856-1898* (Random House of Canada; 486 pages; $32).

Its author, the Irish-Swedish London-based biographer, **Michael Holroyd**, has devoted 15 years to researching and writing this witty yet compassionate portrait of the Irish charmer whose greatest creation was often said to be himself.

Holroyd has penetrated beneath the blarney and divested the ginger-bearded Mephistophelean playwright of his jester's cap and bells to help us distinguish between the private man and the public masquerader.

By quoting from Shaw's intimate letters, diaries and literary works, Holroyd shows us that the playwright's motivating life force was his loveless childhood in the shabby-genteel poverty of Dublin. There he grew up in a freakish *menage a trois* — a triangular relationship which he explored in many of his plays and which set a pattern for many of his own distorted sexual affairs with women.

His father, **George Carr Shaw**, of Anglo-Irish aristocratic stock gone to seed, was a redundant civil servant and ineffectual business failure who escaped from living by boozing. His mother, **Lucinda**, was a domineering, self-centred amateur singer. She became infatuated with their boarder, a Svengali-like music teacher named **George John Vandeleur Lee**, who was probably, as photographs vividly indicate, young George Bernard's actual father.

Sonny, as the boy was nicknamed, was an awkward, daydreaming, bashful bookworm, who escaped from grim reality by memorizing Shakespeare's plays and acting out in his imagination the bigger-than-life roles of characters in the **Charles Dickens** novels.

He dropped out of school at 15, rose from errand boy to rent collector for a real estate firm, followed his mother and her lover Lee to London. And while sponging off them, he spent the next decade reading Karl Marx in the British Museum and writing five unpublishable novels, a self-styled "complete outsider" resolved to become a "professional man of genius."

How he indeed thus transformed himself from a loser into a winner makes fascinating reading.

On the art of stirring the working man as a Socialist orator: "I learned how to address an audience as a man learns to skate or cycle — by doggedly making a fool of myself until I got used to it. On the platform, you must have the smart appearance of the clerk, the articulation of the telephone operator."

On the value of poking fun at himself: "Audiences are ill-natured enough to enjoy jokes at other people's expense."

On becoming a popular music critic, using the pen name of **Corno di Basseto:** "I purposely vulgarized musical criticism, which in those days was refined and academic to the point of being unreadable and often nonsensical. Vulgarity is a necessary part of a complete author's equipment, and the clown is sometimes the best part of a circus. I made people laugh, and so persuaded deaf stockbrokers to read my two pages on music."

On the art of writing Shavian plays: "**Amadeus Mozart**, the master of masters, taught me how to say profound things and at the same time remain flippant and lively.

"My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say, and then say it with the utmost levity."

On spurning the Crown's offer of an Order of Merit not long before his death in 1950 at the age of 94: "The nature of my calling is such that the Order of Merit in it can not be determined within the span of a single human life. Either I shall be remembered as long as **Aristophanes** and rank with **Shakespeare** and **Moliere**, or I shall be a forgotten clown before the end of the century."

If he were alive today, now that the end of the century is just a decade away, he would surely rejoice in knowing that a Canadian theatre festival named after him attracts audiences from around the world who flock to see his plays written by a far from forgotten clown-cum-sage.

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My weekly tip of the hat goes to Toronto's 58-year-old Jewish composer, **Milton Barnes**, whose *The Dybbuk: A Masque For Dancing*, based on **A. Anski's** classic play, will be performed at 8 p.m., May 26 at the Music Gallery, 1087 Queen St. W. (534-6311).

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I bow out with **Bernard Shaw's** curtain call line, after the first performance of *Arms And The Man*, responding genially to the solitary spectator who in a wildly cheering audience had booed Shaw's play: "My dear fellow, I quite agree with you. But what are we against so many?"

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Quintessential Swiss resort town

"Taking the waters" in Baden still as popular as ever

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Baden — Switzerland's oldest spa.

BADEN, Switzerland — The Romans knew a good thing when they saw it.

Two thousand years after their discovery by Roman legions, Baden's thermal springs are as famous as ever.

Baden, whose hot springs are the oldest in Switzerland, is a quintessential Swiss resort town — which is to say that's it's clean and neat, pretty, modern and, in its case, historic.

"Taking the waters" is an expression which has found a comfortable niche in many languages. But in very few places in the world does it have as much currency or resonance as in Baden.

Baden's reputation revolves around its spa complex, which is set in one compact corner of this elegant, yet unostentatious town some 25 minutes away by train from Zurich, Switzerland's largest city.

Fed by 19 hot springs, Baden's spa is particularly recommended for those suffering from rheumatic diseases (osteoarthrosis or arthritis), metabolic disorders and neurological, cardiovascular and respiratory ailments.

No one is quite sure of the springs' exact origin, but some speculate it's in West Germany's fabled Black Forest. It's said that the water collects at a depth of about 1,500 metres and only reaches the surface after about *30,000 to 40,000 years.*

As the water passes through the rock, at a rate of 1 million litres per day, it dissolves away numerous minerals. The water bubbling to the top contains approximately 4.5 grams of minerals per litre — the highest for any spa in Switzerland.

Incidentally, the water is drinkable, although it tastes a little like rotting eggs. Strategically-placed drinking fountains enable visitors to sip to their heart's content.

The hub of spa activity is the Kurplatz, a sedate square ringed by such fine hotels as the 5-star Staadhof, the 4-star Limmathof and Verenahoff and the 3-star Schweizerhof.

They're all first-rate establishments, renowned for their prompt, courteous, low-key service. And each one, with the exception of the Schweizerhof, has a doctor on the premises.

These hotels, as well as others in Baden, offer enticing special packages.

The curative and therapeutic value of Baden's thermal baths was very much appreciated by the Romans, who had a definite affinity for hot springs. They stayed in Baden — which they called Aquae Helveticae — for some 400 years.

Baden was incorporated as a town in the year 1290, and brought into the old Swiss confederation in 1415. In the Middle Ages, people taking the waters in Baden would stay for six to eight weeks. Today, most visitors remain for a week or two.

Baden's importance, however, transcended hot springs. For 300 years, up to 1712, the parliamentary assembly of the old Swiss confederacy convened in Baden. And the peace conference ending the Spanish War of Succession was held here.

Throughout its existence, Baden has attracted members of royal houses (Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and Queen Agnes of Hungary) and formidable figures from the arts (Victor Hugo, Alexandre Dumas, Richard Strauss and Paul Hindemith.) But after all is said and done, Baden is essentially a middle to upper middle-class destination which is quite affordable.

Baden's quaint, car-free main street, the Badstrasse, is adjacent to the fast-flowing Limmat River. Along its left bank is a pleasant, tree-lined promenade which leads straight to the spa hotels.

The old quarter of Baden, which has been largely preserved, is charming and ideal for strolls. If you're energetic, walk up a path to the ruins of a Habsburg castle. At 400 metres above sea level, it's Baden's highest point. From there, you get an excellent view of the town.

Baden's railroad station, the oldest in Switzerland, was built in 1847 to link it with Zurich. The line is still referred to as the Spanish Bread Railway, after the *Spanischbrotl*, the rich, buttery pastry which used to be delivered to residents by horseback and then by train.

The Kursaal, Baden's noted casino cum-convention centre, was recently refurbished at a cost of $12 million. You may gamble into the wee hours of the night. But don't expect to strike it rich. By law, the limit per wager is 5 Swiss francs. Forget Las Vegas. Baden is Baden, which is just the way locals like it.

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More information on Baden can be obtained from the Swiss National Tourist Office in Toronto (Commerce Court West, 868-0584).

Swissair has regularly-scheduled flights out of Toronto and Montreal. Swissair's business class service, which I tried, is eminently comfortable.

Exciting program at Artpark part of New York summer fun

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

LEWISTON, NY — The 15th season of Artpark here will witness performances by the New York City Opera, Hubbard Street Dance Company, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Feld Ballet from June 21 to Aug. 20.

The Artpark site is located near Buffalo, with a view of the Niagara River and is 80 miles (128 kilometres) from Toronto.

The 1927 Gershwin musical *Funny Face* will be performed at Artpark from July 5-16 as My One and Only. The Sound of Music is to be staged here from Aug. 9-20. The New York City Opera will perform Bizet's Carmen and Franz Lehar's The Merry Widow during the last 10 days of June. Among performers with the Buffalo Philharmonic will be Roberta Peters on July 30.

Artpark's program for this summer is but one of many throughout the state of New York.

Not far from Lake Placid is the Adirondack Park where a new visitor centre has been opened. The new facility pictures the geological history of the park and leads to five trails that wind through spectacular scenery. The Adirondack Park covers almost one-sixth of New York state.

The five trails cover 5.5 miles (8.8 km) including a Heron Marsh Trail and a Forest Ecology Trail. You'll see beavers and muskrats swimming across the marsh, deer, snowshoe hare and coyote as well as over 150 species of birds.

A new museum opened in New York City last fall, American Museum of the Moving Image. It is believed the first such institution in North America devoted to the art, history and technology of film, television and video.

In the 1920s it was known as Astorio Studios where silent pictures and early talking pictures were made starring the Marx Brothers, Clara Bow, Maurice Chevalier and many others. Old movies and behind the screen displays are shown. It is located across the East River in Queens from Manhattan.

Another museum in New York City where old film can be seen is the Museum of Modern Art at 11 W. 53rd St., which has some 10,000 films in its archives, many of them quite rare. Every week about two dozen film screenings are shown from the collection.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the United States presidency, and the first U.S. president, George Washington, was inaugurated in New York City at Federal Hall. The New York Historical Society, at Central Park West and 76th St., has a special exhibit on Washington in New York till July 30, while the City of New York Museum at 103rd St. and 5th Ave., has a special Washington exhibit till Sept. 10.

At the former homes in the New York City area of three other U.S. presidents, Martin van Buren, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, there will be special festivities this summer.

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Business Outlook

Frank Clayton suggests buying east of Toronto

Researcher discusses factors affecting real estate

Real estate has its own cycle, and investors who ignore that cycle do so at their peril, says a nationally known real-estate researcher and economist.

Looking specifically at the Metro Toronto market, Frank Clayton described some of the factors that affect residential, commercial and industrial real estate.

"In Toronto, we've had six years of continued economic growth. Demand for real estate has exceeded the supply and the markets have been booming," he told participants in Orenstein & Partners' seminar for entrepreneurs.

"In fact, the real value of real estate has been trending upwards for about the past 40 years. Investors have come to think that whatever they touch in real estate will turn to gold. That growth and success may be blinding people to some very real weaknesses."

Clayton says, investors looking to profit from real estate in the 1990s must be willing to study economic and population cycles to find their opportunities.

"The baby boom is aging. Most of them have made the move up to larger homes and chances are they won't move for a long time.

"Our population growth will be declining. We're likely to have an economic slowdown — not necessarily a recession — so real estate supply could come to exceed demand. For many people real estate may not be the best investment in the 1990s."

However, there still are opportunities. Clayton suggests that investors consider potential strengths and weaknesses in the Toronto market.

"For example, with the city on the lake, it can only grow in certain directions and that affects real estate opportunities."

"With the planning and servicing constraints, developers can take years to get the rezoning and approvals required. However, for those already in the real estate market, those same planning constraints help to protect them in an economic downturn."

For those willing to brave the uncertainties of the 90s, Clayton suggests the fast growing regions east of Toronto.

"Durham Region may be the Mississauga of the 90s. The housing is going there now so the commercial, retail and office opportunities will follow."

Another opportunity may be the "lifestyle" market — those looking for an integrated, "people-rather-than-car-oriented" environment where they can walk to stores and recreation. Clayton predicts that Ontario will see more growth in retirement and urban villages as well as infill housing and retail development on former industrial sites.

"The Metro market is somewhat unusual in that it is dominated by a few superdevelopers. Follow the big boys. Let the superdevelopers start on a property then buy next door."

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Campaign to benefit Israeli immigrants, foreign residents

Features fee exemptions and low-interest loans

TEL AVIV — Immigrants in Israel and foreign residents will benefit from a new campaign by Bank Hapoalim to provide special benefits to those "olim" and foreign residents who open "Patach" free foreign-currency accounts.

Israel's largest banking group has announced that it will provide a series of perks for all persons who immigrated to Israel after April 1, 1967 or are temporary residents, in what is said to be the first program of this type ever conducted by an Israeli bank.

The series of special benefits feature: an interest bonus above regular rates on foreign currency deposits; exemption from exchange fees on repurchase of foreign currency and, among other exchange rate advantages, the refund of charges on transferring foreign currency from other banks.

Another benefit offered by the bank is a special low-interest loan to repurchase foreign currency to deposit in "Patach" accounts for those who brought foreign funds into the country, in addition to lower interest on overdrafts and preferred interest rates in shekel deposits.

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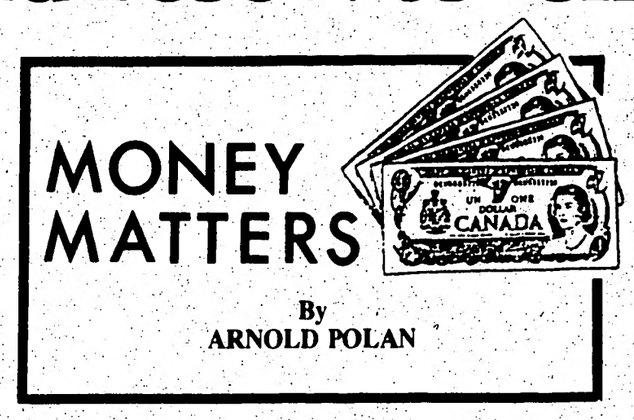
Emergency funds could bail you out

"Liquid reserves" should always be available



In my last article, I discussed the "investment triangle" and briefly touched on the lowest level of the triangle — the secure base.

This base, which consists of safe, highly-liquid investments, is the foundation of every disciplined financial plan and should be in place before you begin investing for long-term growth.

The purpose of this base is to provide a reserve that can be liquidated quickly in case of emergencies. Many experts recommend that reserves equal to 2½ times your monthly salary be maintained throughout your lifetime.

Having this liquid cushion in place means that an emergency will never find you unprepared. If you were to lose your job or if your family were struck by illness or other misfortune, your reserve would be able to cover immediate needs and you would not be forced to liquidate other investments at an unfavorable time. For an investment to qualify as liquid, it should be convertible to cash within 24 hours.

We have established that the base should be liquid. It should also be safe. Another purpose of the base, in addition to preparing for emergencies, is to save for other opportunities, be they investments or purchases such as a home or cottage. Therefore, it is important that your initial capital and fixed rate of return are guaranteed.

Just because an investment is liquid and secure, does not mean that you have to settle for inferior performance. Short-term money market investments, especially those issued by the Government of Canada, are safe, extremely liquid and provide an attractive rate of return.

Treasury Bills, which are auctioned by the federal government on a weekly basis, form one of the largest components of the Canadian money market and reflect current interest rates. They range in maturity from a few days to one year and are available in smaller denominations for the individual investor.

They are liquid because most investment dealers will redeem your bills at any time and credit the proceeds to your account the following day. Most money market instruments, including Treasury Bills, are sold at a discount and mature at par (face value of 100).

The difference between the purchase price and the maturity value is the return you earn on your investment. Other short-term money market investments issued by governments and corporations are available for larger amounts.

Another alternative for smaller amounts, however, is a money-market mutual fund, a professionally-managed portfolio of money — market instruments. By pooling your funds with those of other investors, you will gain a buying advantage and diversification usually available only to large institutional investors.

Many money-market funds are sold on a no-load basis, and because they are professionally managed, achieve an attractive yield above what could be earned in a savings account.

Arnold Polan, a chartered accountant, is a vice-president and director of ScotiaMcLeod.

Israeli company may lose huge U.S. military contract

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Tadiran faces the threat of losing a giant U.S. military contract, because of growing anti-apartheid pressure in Tallahasee, Fla., where it is constructing a manufacturing site.

In response to this pressure, the city council of Tallahasee has ordered an investigation into Tadiran's alleged ties with South Africa. The city had agreed to put up $2.8 milion, virtually the entire cost of setting up the plant, in order to promote the city's economic development. Tadiran had planned to manufacture the sophisticated military radios ordered by the U.S. army in this factory.

Dr. Edward Holifield, head of the anti-apartheid taskforce in Tallahasee, told The Jerusalem Post that his organization had recently accumulated "compelling evidence" about Tadiran's dealings with South Africa, which the company had not disclosed, as it is obliged to under law, when it signed a contract to set up a plant in the city.

Responding to these allegations, Tadiran's spokesman David Yehieli said that to the best of his knowledge, the company had no business dealings with South Africa and that it had sold its subsidiary there about seven years ago.

Holifield said, however, that the city councilmen were "outraged" when presented with the evidence.

"They told us that if it emerges that Tadiran lied, then the contract may need to be invalidated."

Holifield said that one of the documents he had presented to the city council was a report concerning ties between Tadiran's parent company, Koor Industries, and South African banks.

"It's rather difficult to say you don't do business in South Africa, when South African banks come to your rescue."

A Koor spokesman, however, insisted that the only ties the conglomerate had with South Africa revolved around money it owed South African banks. Koor owes four leading South African banks a total of $80 million.

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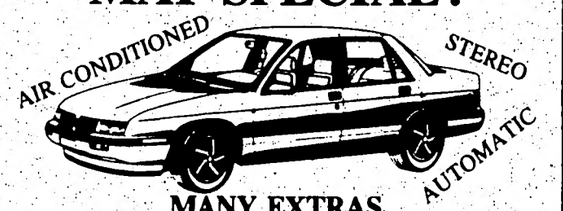

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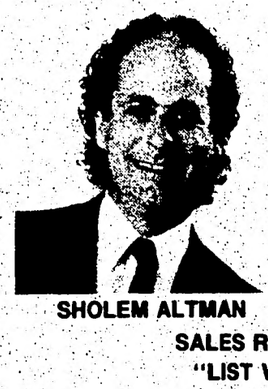

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$1,670,000. Can buy you a stunning custom built residence by a fine builder Antonio Sousa, 2-stry. 5 bdrm. 3-car gar. 5,500 sq. ft. M. Church 449-2020.

DESIRABLE STREET! - BAYVIEW
$1,788,000. Custom home to be built, 5,500 sq. ft., 2 stry., 5 bdrms., 3-car gar., premium lot. Prestigious loc. Sept. poss. Michele Church 449-2020.

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PRIME ANNEX APARTMENT
$169,000. Well maintained 2 bedroom. South-west view. Walk to Jewish Community Centre, shops, subway, U. of T. events. Spadina & Bloor. For more details call Irene Wittman 487-4343.

DON'T MISS THIS LEASIDE GEM!
$349,000. All done up with gleaming hdwd. New windows, kit., 2 bath. Great in-law apt. Mn. fl. den. Excel. financing. H. Cohen/R. Baker 449-2020.

UPPER VILLAGE — BEST BUY
$499,000. Value + excellent financing describe this spacious 4 bdrm. Main floor powder room, huge lot, south facing garden. Call Dorann Gottlieb 487-4343.

UNBEATABLE VALUE! LOWER VILLAGE!
$799,000. East of Spadina. Charming 4 bdrm. Large main floor family room overlooks beautiful pool! A must to see!! See with Dorann Gottlieb 487-4343.

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$849,000 2 new homes on 50' lots approx 4,000 sq. ft. on 2 flrs. 5 bdrms, 4 baths, main flr laundry, den, fam. and powder rms. This is a genuine opportunity. Other new homes from $789K. Janet Schulberg 481-3443.

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$697,000 Custom built home — 2 storey - 4 bdrms - over 3,600 sq. ft. - library & fully equipped kit. - in exclusive neighbourhood - steps to synagogue & everything else. Arie Elmaleh 223-2110.

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$449,000 and $599,000; 2 premium lots for sale with bungalows. 2 + 3 bdrms/$649K & $599K. 2 renovated sidesplits on 50' lots/$599K 2 storey centre hall on 50' south lot totally reno. Bruce Mandell 481-3443.

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$1,500,000. Beautiful bldg. lot on Northdale Rd. & Truman Frontage 120' dept 322' on S/W side. Small cozy bung. on property. L. Taylor 449-2020.

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OLDE THORNHILL OWNER MOTIVATED
$788,000. Beautiful bung. Quiet cul-de-sac. 103'x173' lot. Move-in cond. Fin. bsmt. + 2nd F.P. & bdrm. Mature trees. Lionel/Saryl Spector 737-1100.

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$1,850K — Custom contemporary design, dramatic foyer w/18 ft. ceilings, approx. 4,900 sq. ft. of luxurious living, 5+ bdrms, 6 baths, gourmet greenhouse kitchen, w/o to pool and waterfall, circular drive, triple garage. An exceptional home. To view call Olga Schrage 488-4488 or Natalie Kopman 441-2888.

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Spacious 4 bdrm. sidesplit, mn. flr. fam., fin. bsmnt., new kitch., super sized lot. Extras galore! $429,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Spacious 3 bdrm. backsplit, fam. rm., dble. gar., 2 separate lower level, in-law apts. Near all amenities. $469,000. Bella Beer, 731-7111.

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Fantastic 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., fin. bsmnt., super lot, dble. gar. Value at $309,900. Steve/Ellen Fisher, 731-7111.

SPRING FARM — BUYER BE WISE!
Reduced! Spacious 3 bdrm., mn. flr. sunken fam. rm., combo liv/din. rm., huge master. $339,000. Gabby Goldring, 731-7111.

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$639,000 — Spectacular main flr family rm & den! 5 bdrm - perfect for lrg family central air: skylight: Jacuzzi! Close to synagogues, shopping & transit! Vendors are motivated!!! M. Philp 783-3333.

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Medical, spiritual needs of patient both vital: rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Caring only for the medical needs of a terminally ill person is insufficient, says Rabbi Maurice Lamm, president of the National Institute for Jewish Hospice in Los Angeles.

If there is no synthesis of the medical and spiritual needs of a patient, he told The CJN in a recent telephone interview, then the mitzvah of bikur cholim, caring for the sick, has not been fulfilled.

Lamm, professor of rabbinics at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, is the author of The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage and The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning.

He said that he had not really thought about the issue of caring for the terminally ill until, at a meeting of the Los Angeles Federation, he was confronted with the question of what had been written on the subject.

"I had to admit that I didn't know."

Asked to sit on a "blue ribbon committee" of rabbis, psychologists and physicians to remedy that lack, Lamm said that they found few resources.

While medical technology has prolonged life, it has also prolonged the process of dying, a fact, he said, that no one seems very sure how to deal with.

Even doctors don't know enough about handling the dying, he said. "Many people die in pain, although 99% don't have to."

Even clergymen are at a loss when visiting a dying patient, he said. "Laymen offer chit-chat. Clergymen offer elevated chit-chat."

Lamm turned for advice to the Shulchan Aruch, the basic code of Jewish law.

The Shulchan Aruch, he said, says that when visiting the sick, one should not stand. The significance is that the patient is supine, with everyone looking down at him, "acting as if he has no mind."

"He feels powerless," Lamm said, and halacha orders us to understand this.

If one prays for an ill person in the synagogue, then one prays in Hebrew, said Lamm, but if one is praying in his presence, one should use a language he or she understands.

"G-d understands all languages, and you are giving courage by praying."

One is taught by the Shulchan Aruch, he said, to be sensitive and aware of the patient's needs and sensitivities.

Jews lack the resources compared with many other religions in dealing with the terminally ill, he believes, pointing out that Catholics have a whole order of nuns whose sole purpose is to deal with the sick.

On the other hand, Lamm spoke of the "magnificant job" done by the Satmar and other chassidic groups, who, he said, are experts in providing kosher food, homes, money, and, especially, warmth, to the sick.

"Their politics appalls me: their bikur cholim astounds me."

In 1985, Lamm founded the National Institute for Jewish Hospice, in order to provide publications, tapes and training for caregivers, both families of the sick and professionals working in hospitals. His wife, Shirley, works with him as director of human resources.

"The reaction has been uniformly sympathetic and supportive," he said, adding that fundraising help has come from such Hollywood celebrities as Bea Arthur, Alan Alda, Judge Wapner (of the People's Court) and Norman Cousins, as well as many others in all walks of life.

Publications to date include "Caring Strategies for the Jewish Seriously Ill" (U.S. $19.50) and a booklet, "Caring for the Terminally Ill: A Primer (U.S. $3.00). They are available from the Institute at 6363 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90048.

People can also write there for more information, or advice and counselling. "Caring for human beings is as much Torah as putting on tefillen or keeping Shabbas, and no less important than knowing the halachic determination of the exact moment of death," Lamm said.

Asked whether the AIDS epidemic had influenced his interest in work with the terminally ill, he replied that Jews are entitled to care and compassion in time of illness no matter how they got sick. "Judgements we leave to G-d — our concern is to act with chesed, kindness."

India boycotts despite promise

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

India continues to boycott Israel in international sports competition despite renewed pledges in New Delhi to an Anti-Defamation League delegation in January that it would endeavor to improve relations with Israel.

Rather than compete against Israel in the recent World Table Tennis Tournament in West Germany, the Indian team defaulted and left the tournament. It is believed the team took its action on instructions from New Delhi.

The Anti-Defamation League, expressing itself "deeply concerned" over the Indian snubbing of Israel, said in a letter to India's minister of foreign affairs, P. V. Narasimha Rao, that the default "was totally in conflict" with discussions with him and other Indian officials last January.

"As we noted during our meeting," Burton S. Levinson, ADL's national chairman, and Abraham Foxman, its national director, said in their letter to Rao, "it will serve all parties — Israeli, Indian and American — for Israel and India to develop better relations."

India refused to go to Israel last year to meet Israeli players in Davis Cup tennis matches. The previous year, India almost defaulted in Davis Cup play when it agreed to meet Israel's team only after tournament officials brought pressure on India. In the match, played in extreme heat, India defeated Israel.

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Winnipeg Jewish hoopsters are champs

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — After a hiatus of a couple of decades, Jewish athletes of all ages are starting to come to the fore.

Sherman Greenfeld has been Canada's top racquetball player for a number of years. There are young tennis stars, promising young hockey players and seniors speed skating champions.

The newest champions to take their place in the spotlight are the 10 members of the YMHA Maccabia who won the Greater Winnipeg Men's Basketball "D" Conference championship in March, beating the Mallards of Stonewall, Man., 82-74 in a tough final.

The Maccabia were formed four years ago with a group of guys who had been playing pick-up games at the YMHA Community Centre on Wednesday evenings on a regular basis. "We decided to try submitting a team in the Greater Winnipeg Men's League," says two-time all-star Michael Freid. "The Y allowed us to use its gym as our homecourt."

There are 100 teams in the 10-division league. The Maccabia are the only Jewish entry. Freid reported there was a second Jewish team in the league two years ago but only for the one season.

Difficult victory

The road to the championship was not an easy one. The team finished second in its division in the standings in the regular schedule.

The road to the championship went through the Stoney Mountain Penitentiary where the Maccabia had to defeat their division rivals, the Stoney Mountain Cobras, consisting of the inmates. Maccabia came away with a 96-82 victory.

"It's good having a Jewish team in the league," says Freid. "We play Sunday nights at the Y. Usually, three games are scheduled each evening. That means we get five non-Jewish teams and their friends and family coming into a Jewish building and becoming somewhat familiar with the Jewish community, the Y and our facilities.

"We play against other ethnic teams. They all see that we are no different because we are a Jewish team. We are just regular guys like them."

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Great-grandson's ceremony stirs fond memories

Sharp clan celebrates bar mitzvah at Masada

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Standing on Masada, at the place where the oldest synagogue in the world once stood at the time of the Second Temple, surrounded by 100 family members and friends from Canada and Israel, Max Sharp was "exalted" as he watched his great-grandson Jeremy Creed chant the haftorah as a bar mitzvah.

The joyous celebration had deep emotional significance for the early chalutznik (pioneer) and banayi (builder) who came to Palestine from anti-semitic Poland in 1920 when he was 18 years old. He had spent one year in Vienna waiting for a visa and training for his trip to Palestine.

"I was very emotional seeing my great-grandson have a bar mitzvah in Israel," said Sharp, who came to Canada in 1925 as a poor immigrant plasterer. He built a successful building business and a chain of luxurious hotels.

"It was an emotional situation all the way particularly being at Masada which has such a moving history of the Jewish people."

His clear blue eyes sparkle as he speaks of the "kids" who walked up Masada at 5 a.m.

"They wanted to be part of the history of Israel and the Jewish people."

In his penthouse apartment on Bathurst St., his love of Israel is evident from the moment you leave the elevator. In the foyer, there is a 3-foot by 6-foot needlepoint of Jerusalem which took him two years to make.

He points out Mount Scopus, and comments that he and his wife Lil — they will celebrate their 62nd anniversary in June — planted 18,000 trees there as part of the recent reforestation campaign.

"While we were in Israel for Jeremy's bar mitzvah, our family was there when the planting began."

A tour of the Sharps' apartment makes it clearly evident that the priority in that household is family. Throughout the apartment, the walls are filled with photographs of their family. They have four children: the bar mitzvah boy's grandparents, Edie and Eddie Creed, of the exclusive Creeds women's fashion store on Bloor St.; Bea and husband Fred Eisen, who was recently appointed the chairman of the Canadian National Exhibition and past chairman of the Harbor Commission; Neddy, married to developer Siggy Levy, and Isadore (Issy), president and chief executive officer of the Four Seasons Hotels, an international chain of luxury hotels, and his wife Rosalie. There are 19 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Spearheaded by Issy Sharp, the first Four Seasons Motor Hotel was built and financed in 1961 with partners Murray Koffler, former head of Shoppers Drug Mart, Eddie Creed and Max Sharp.

On the top of Masada, as Jeremy's parents, Jack and Beverley (Goldblatt), symbolically passed the Torah to their son, Max Sharp shepped naches as he witnessed the transmission of Jewish heritage and faith, passed down in his family from generation to generation.

At a luncheon following the mountaintop services, Eddie Creed echoed his father-in-law's sentiments: "I've had a lot of fantastic experiences in my life, but this bar mitzvah was just one of the most emotional, greatest feelings I ever had about my family, about Israel, about being a Jew. It was incredible."

With his characteristic warm smile, the patriarch of the Sharp clan spoke of his early years and the great joy he receives from his family.

Max Sharp was born in Auschwitz, one of 10 children. His father Moshe Yaakov Scharf, a prominent rabbi and shoichet, fled to Berlin before World War I to escape the pogroms that were rampant in Poland.

Sharp and his brother, Louis, left for Palestine to become pioneering farmers. First, young Max worked as a shomer (watchman-guard). Later he planted vegetables for two years, working from 4.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and then baked breads after din-

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TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL

Intense campaigns to fight misconceptions

Canadian travel to Israel rising: tourism director

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Tourism to Israel is on the rise.

In the period between January/February 1988 to the same period in 1989, traffic to Israel has increased by 10% from Canada.

Yehuda Shen, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada and his staff are in part directly responsible for this increase.

"The response to some of our public relations programs has been tremendous," said the 41-year-old. "We hit every program and press that was available because exposure is important.

"Most of our campaigns are developed to offset the misconceptions generated by the media. Of course there are political problems in Israel but that has nothing to do with the tourism and you'll find that sort of thing everywhere in the world, no matter where you go!"

In order to combat these misconceptions, Shen has been putting in almost 24-hour days travelling the country to arrange programs, introduce packages to the tourism industry and generally educate Canadians about Israel.

One of the successful campaigns run out of the Israel Tourism office has been marketing workshops. Shen visited seven cities from Vancouver to Ottawa explaining the various markets that were available to tourists who visited the country.

"Many were shocked to understand just what is available. The presentation featured a mini trade show and dinner. The whole thing ran five to six hours and the evening was very...profitable — already the wholesalers are receiving bookings!".

Shen said that for the most part, Christians are more committed to travelling to Israel than most North American Jews. On that note, Shen spent the better part of May touring Canada talking to ministers and priests as well as their congregations to drum up additional business for the country.

"Our office is cooperating with Nahum Kara, El Al's regional sales manager for Ontario and Western Canada, in a series of breakfast meetings with church leaders in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta.

"The co-operation here is strong. For example, the Western Ontario Region of the Pentecostal Assembly of Canada has been convinced to hold their annual convention of 500 delegates in Israel.

"It really is a lifetime experience. Many people have a trip to the Holy Land high on their list of priorities, but for some, the cost is simply too much," he said.

"We hope to come out with more discount packages. However, as people come closer and see what the country has to offer, they are realizing what is there is more important than money.

"We need more money to promote the country and to do the legwork. The Israeli government can't afford to fund most of the North American promotion offices but we are prepared to help."

Yehuda Shen is director of the Israeli Tourist office.

To date, Shen is still trying to persuade Air Canada to make use of its landing rights in Israel. As of yet nothing has come through, but Shen remains more than hopeful.

A separate class from the regular vacationers and church groups are the professionals. Shen called the coming professional symposia the cream of the country. Next month, 700 participants will be meeting in Israel for a chemotherapy conference, and an additional 100 Ontario dentists will also be utilizing Israel's fine facilities and accommodations.

A survey of Conference Exhibitors International, placed Israel in 9th spot in the world for holding international board meetings, symposiums, conventions and conferences. In 1988, 92 meetings were held across Israel with the participation of some 30,000 professionals.

"And another thing our tourist guides are the best in the world! We have over 3,000 in the country and all are devoted to the tourists. They must take refreshment courses every year after the intensive 1½ year scholastic training program. To top it all off, most speak at least three languages."Shen said

"We offer something no one else can — sun, beaches as well as the historical advantage. The Israelites are taught to live, enjoy and draw the best out of their surroundings, and that's appealing.

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Kibbutz holiday rewarding

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The kibbutz, one of the earliest and most enduring symbols of the pioneering spirit of Israel, has changed considerably over the past 41 years.

Yet, despite the remarkable strides Israel has made in all fields — science, technology, design and agriculture — the kibbutz remains at its core unchanged.

While modernizing from without, it can offer one of the most unusual and rewarding stays in Israel for a tourist.

The first kibbutz was established in 1909. Today their are some 260 kibbutzim spread around the country, housing about 127,000 individuals.

Primarily agricultural in concept, they have begun in recent years to shift their attention to the industrial sector, particularly in the area of hi-tech.

Of more importance to visitors, where once the typical settlement consisted of a fenced-in strip of farmland with makeshift structures defying the elements, today kibbutzim are usually replete with swimming pool and recreation areas, a library and restaurant or coffee shop.

There are currently more than two dozen guest houses which, in addition to the attraction of relatively moderate rates, offer visitors the opportunity to meet people not only from Israel but from all over the world in an informal setting and to become part of the community.

The kibbutz hotels are located throughout the country at all points of interest, –both scenic and historic, but particularly the Judean hills near Jerusalem, the Dead Sea region, the Galilee area and on the coastal plain along the Mediterranean Sea.

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Tourism projects saving struggling farming areas

By
ZE'EV FISHER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— With many farming settlements struggling to survive from agricultural production, other forms of income have had to be sought from industry and commerce. In the Galilee, with its natural beauty and religious and historic importance, tourism projects have provided a lucrative remedial solution for near bankrupt settlements.

The Amnon Bay project on the north eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinneret) has been the most ambitious tourist venture to date that the Jewish Agency's Rural Settlement Department has inherited. Covering a total of 600 acres, the leisure complex, when completed, will include a holiday village, swimming area with water sports, a large recreation park, restaurant and sports facilities, water slides and picnic areas.

Ehud Suk, tourism director in the Jewish Agency-run project development company Industry and Tourism Ltd., says Amnon Bay will provide a livelihood for families that would otherwise leave the Galilee.

"Tourism is enabling families in the Galilee to re-examine their future prospects. Without new jobs, Jewish families will leave the region for Haifa or Tel Aviv."

As well as bringing dozens of new families to the Galilee, it is hoped that Amnon Bay will attract hundreds of thousands of visitors. Construction on the first stage of the project began in 1986 with work on the beach and leisure infrastructure.

The JNF carried out extensive land reclamation work. In addition, a 91-unit holiday village has just been completed in time for Independence Day. A further 200 rooms will be added to the village in the coming years. The bathing beach with a capacity for 2,500 visitors has been open for two years.

The completed stage of the project has cost $7 million of which the Jewish Agency's Rural settlement Department has invested more than $5 million while the remainder came from the tourism ministry and private investors. The beach and leisure complex is being run by two community settlements, Karkom and Massad, and two moshavim, Kahal and Livnim. Another four settlements, Amnon, Cadarim, Ravid and Moran have the option of joining the venture at a later stage.

All of these settlements are less than 10 years old and each consists of between 25 and 35 families. Originally planned as agriculturally-based villages, the crisis in the farming industry at places like Kahal and Livnim has compelled most members to seek outside employment to supplement their income.

In its short existence the Amnon Bay beach has proven a profitable venture. Thousands of tourists from both Israel and abroad have flocked to the beach which lies beneath the rolling green hills of the Galilee, and looks out onto the serene calm of Israel's only freshwater lake.

The Jordan River forms the eastern boundary of the site, while several smaller streams, the Or and Koah, intersect the complex. Amnon Bay takes its name from the St. Peter's fish (Amnon in Hebrew), a local delicacy found in abundance in the lake.

Close to the ancient Jewish settlements of Tiberias and Safed, Amnon Bay is a 2½ hour drive from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. As well as the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside with the snow capped peaks of nearby Mount Hermon, the area also has deep significance for Christian visitors. Amnon Bay nestles beneath Capernaum where Jesus gave his sermon on the Mount and performed the miracles of the fishes and loaves.

The climate in the region is another drawing card. Because the area is 200 metres below sea level, winter temperatures rarely fall below 16 C (60 F) during the day, while the average temperature between October and May is 27 C (80 F). Summers are hot but cool winds temper the heat.

"The Galilee is an important destination for visitors from overseas both for its religious and landscape attractions. But we anticipate that most of the visitors to the beach will be Israelis," Suk said.

Indeed, internal tourism within Israel has become a major market in recent years as affluence has increased and more Israelis have sought to get away from it all for a few days in the Galilee or Negev.

Total projected annual occupancy at Amnon Bay is expected to be nearly 120,000, of whom approximately 65% will be Israelis and 35% foreign tourists. According to these calculations, the investment will have paid for itself within seven years.

With the opening of the holiday village more than 70 settlers now are employed at Amnon Bay and this number will climb to 100 in two years time. This is an important initiative of the Jewish Agency's Rural Settlement Department at a time when unemployment in the Galilee is rising. It is the most comprehensive and prestigious tourist project undertaken by the Agency.

Much more is at stake than combatting unemployment. Recent statistics revealed that for the first time there are more Arabs than Jews living in the Galilee. Redressing this demographic imbalance is therefore a top priority for the Zionist movement.

A holiday village is located on Amnon Bay on the shore of Lake Kinneret. (WZPS photo)

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Amendments to Law of Return met with opposition

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The worldwide opposition to a possible amendment of the Law of Return, which entitles persons professing to be Jews to automatic Israeli citizenship upon their immigration, has in recent weeks threatened the solidarity of Diaspora Jewry with the State of Israel.

In order to handle such crises, combat misconceptions and redefine the relationship between the communities that comprise World Jewry, the Israel-Diaspora Institute was recently established as a "think tank" for Jewish decision-makers around the world. The aim of the Institute is to develop new ideas and policies that relate to the needs of Israel and the Diaspora which will enable them to enjoy a satisfactory and mutually beneficial relationship.

An external institute of the Tel Aviv University, it is headed by Dr. Arye Carmon, Professor of Education at Tel Aviv University.

"If we make the assumption that most Diaspora Jews are not going to make aliya, then we must search for new paths by which Diaspora Jews can become involved in Israeli affairs."

While Carmon sees Israel as the centre of the Jewish world, he acknowledges that many of the Institute's associates in the Diaspora, especially in America, view matters differently. For them, Israel and American Jewry reflect the historical duality of Jerusalem and Babylon.

"At the Institute we are sensitive to different Jewish approaches," emphasized Carmon. "We take into account the different natures of each Diaspora community."

The Institute is supported by private funds from both Israel and the Diaspora and has an international governing council of 100 people from six countries. It is sponsored jointly by the World Jewish Congress and the Israel Council for Foreign Relations. While it currently operates out of an apartment building opposite the Tel Aviv University campus, the Tel Aviv municipality has pledged to offer the Institute a permanent facility elsewhere in the city.

Until now, the Institute has focused its activities around specific themes — most notably democracy and related subjects, such as religious pluralism and political reform. The Institute publishes a quarterly magazine on Israeli democracy, and aims to heighten awareness of the challenges to democracy within Israel.

"I happen to believe that it is the right and duty of Diaspora Jews to criticize Israel," stressed Carmon, "though that criticism should be responsible and well informed. At the same time, the Diaspora has a role to play abroad in improving Israel's public relations' image.

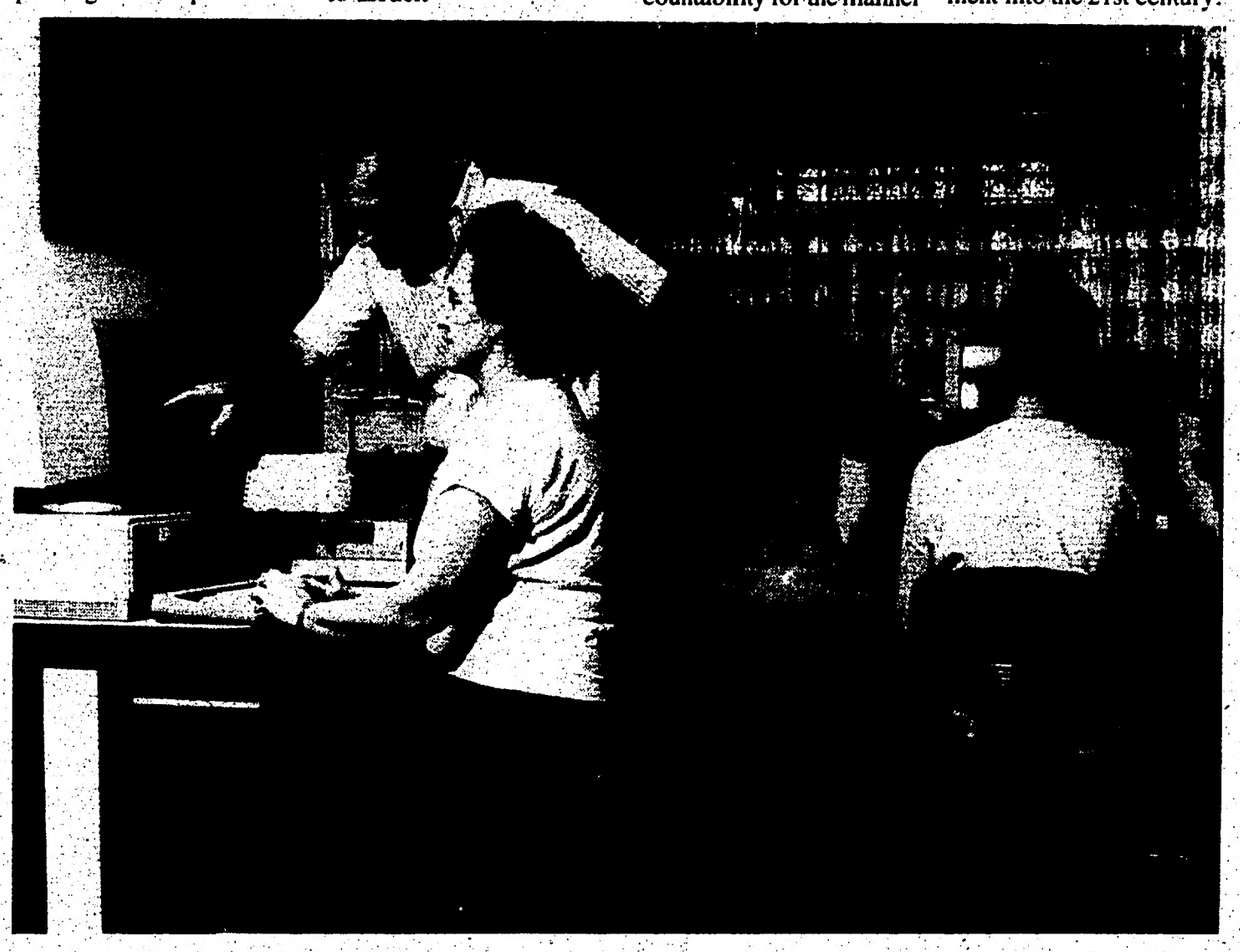
"Of course any Diaspora influence must stop short of direct participation in the Israeli political process." But the Diaspora must feel it has a stake in Israel."

Philanthropy is another major issue that the Institute intends tackling. Until now, Carmon notes, donating money has been the major avenue by which the Diaspora has expressed its support for Israel. The goal of the Institute is to suggest new routes through which money could be directed to Israel.

One such innovative idea would be a billion dollar fund for a Jewish university in Israel that would be administered by the Diaspora from the Diaspora. Such an idea would kill two birds with one stone. It would channel money into Israel while at the same time satisfying those who believe that the top priority for charitable funds today is for strengthening Jewish education in the Diaspora.

In general, Carmon would like to see the Diaspora demanding more accountability for the manner in which its funds are spent in Israel, though he cautions that greater involvement in Israeli affairs is necessary in order to earn the right to decide how funds are spent.

Carmon insists that Zionist ideology must be rethought if a meaningful Israel-Diaspora dialogue and relationship is to survive into the next century. He says that the Zionist movement is rapidly becoming an anachronism. The task of the Institute, in his opinion, is to envolve an intellectual leadership that will lead the Zionist movement into the 21st century.



This is the nerve centre of the Israel-Diaspora Institute in Tel Aviv. (WZPS photo)

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Aggressive debater with Knesset colleagues

Ravitz becoming prominent as party takes 2 seats

By SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Last summer Rabbi Avraham Ravitz could be found teaching in Jerusalem's Ohr Somayach Yeshiva where he headed the Israel department.

Politically unknown, he was catapulted to prominence in the recent elections, when he entered the Knesset as head of the newly formed Degel Hatorah party. His party's two seats suddenly became very significant to both Likud and Labor, who courted Ravitz in the hope of winning his support in a narrow coalition government.

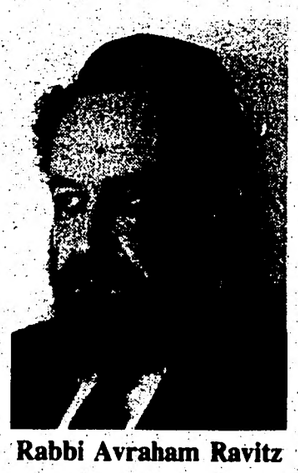
"In any event, I was happy that a broad-based government was formed. Neither the Likud nor Labor were offering significant concessions that would have advanced the cause of Torah values and Israelis would have felt that they were being squeezed by the Orthodox.

Clad in black, with a wizened look and straggly beard, Ravitz has the appearance of the archetypal ultra-Orthodox Jew. Yet he has a broad-minded wordliness which is not often found in any walk of life.

Though soft spoken and courteous, he has already demonstrated that he can debate as aggressively as the toughest of his Knesset colleagues, shocking many on the right with his radical new peace plan which even envisages a Palestinian flag flying in East Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem must remain reunited under Jewish sovereignty," he hastened to add. "But if we have real peace then the Palestinian flag can fly over a Palestinian embassy and other Arab institutions in the eastern part of the city."

However, Ravitz stresses that peace must mean real peace. He outlines the conditions for real peace with the Palestinians as including open borders and a similar percentage of Jews living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza as live in Israel. Thus if 20% of Israel's



Rabbi Avraham Ravitz

population is Arab, then 20% of the people in the West Bank and Gaza can be Jewish.

"It is not acceptable that Judea and Samaria should be 'Judenrein.' "

Ravitz concedes, however, that even the most moderate Palestinians would be unlikely to accept these conditions.

"But if we repeat what we are prepared to accept, then maybe in a few decades time the Palestinians will see sense. The Arabs have lost war after war and will ultimately have to give up something."

Ravitz was born in Tel Aviv in 1934 but has lived in Jerusalem since 1947. He fought in Lehi, the armed underground organization in Palestine, has served in the IDF and fought in the country's various wars.

He resents the characterization of Israel's haredim (Ultra-Orthodox) as draft dodgers, claiming that the number of Yeshiva exemptions has been greatly exaggerated. He states that the vast majority of haredim do serve in the army and views the supposed misconception that they do not as part of a broader pattern of prejudice against the ultra-Orthodox in Israel.

On this point he criticizes Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, whom he says has done many beautiful things for the city but not enough of them to benefit the ultra-Orthodox. In particular, he is against the building of a national soccer stadium, though he does not approve of some of the militant tactics so far used to demonstrate opposition to it.

"Jerusalem is a holy city. It has a religious character and is special to Jews and non-Jews alike."

With these aims in mind, Ravitz led Degel Hatorah in the Jerusalem municipal elections. At national level, one of the major goals of Degel Hatorah, which has decided to remain outside, though supportive, of the government, is to rectify the alleged imbalance in allocation of resources. Ravitz is against electoral reform, insisting that proportional representation provides the maximum opportunity for democratic expression.

He denies the claim of Agudat Yisrael that the difference between their two parties is that the Aguda are Chassidim while Degel Hatorah are Litvakim.

"This was election propaganda to undermine our legitimacy. Our other Knesset member, Rabbi Moshe Gafny, is a Chassid. We take ideological issue with the Lubavitcher rebbe over his edict that no part of Eretz Yisrael can be given to the Arabs. We also do not agree with many other Aguda policies including the way they have handled the Who is a Jew? issue."

While Ravitz obviously cannot accept as a Jew somebody who has undergone a Reform conversion, he considers the proposed Who is a Jew? legislation as counter productive.

"Other solutions can be found," he suggests, "that will not alienate the Diaspora. For example, there could be legislation that empowers the rabbinical courts in Israel to deal with the few reform converted Jews who do make aliya."

Diaspora issues are dear to Ravitz, whose wife, Avigail, comes from New York. They met in America where he was working as a Yeshiva emissary. Today they live with their 12 children in the Beit Vegan neighborhood of Jerusalem in an apartment block that Ravitz built himself.

"Living from Yeshiva teaching alone is not very remunerative, so for a period I had a building contracting business."

Not surprisingly, he says that one of the major reasons that Jews are not making aliya is the lack of Jewish religious content in Israel.

"If Israel becomes just like any other materialistic country, then Jews might just as well stay in America and Europe."

Many would find it hard to agree with Ravitz's view of things, but none could find fault with his deep concern with espousing not only the Torah but also democracy and human rights of both Jew and Arab.

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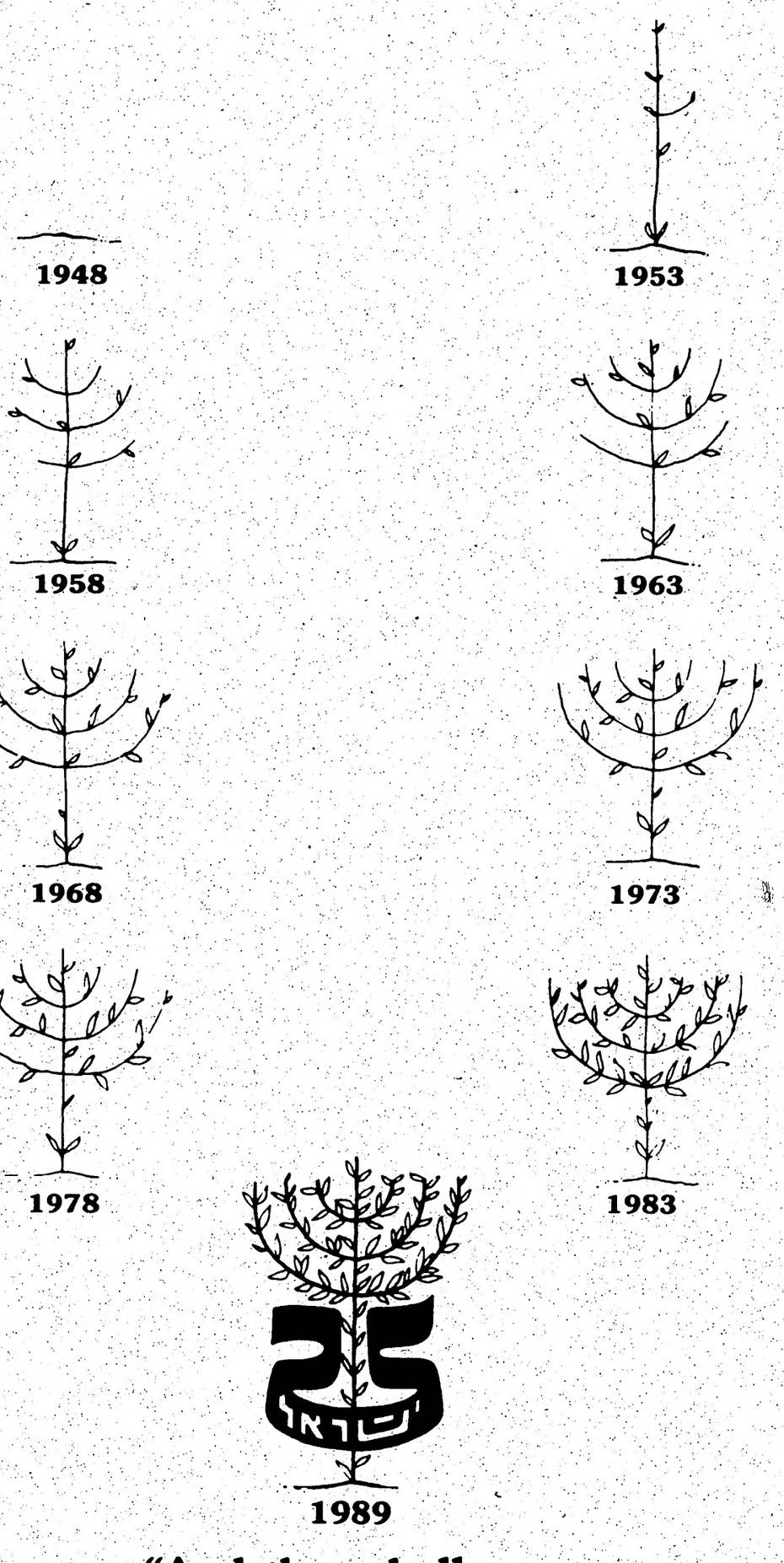

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Labor MK one of youngest in Knesset

Peace issue fueled Burg's political involvement

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Newly elected to the Knesset, Labor representative Avraham Burg is one of the Israeli parliament's youngest and most dovish members. Born in Jerusalem, 34-year-old Burg is both an Orthodox Jew and radical Socialist.

It was the issue of peace with the Palestinians that brought Burg into the political arena as a leader of the Peace Now movement, and for him talks with the Palestinians remain the most urgent item on Israel's agenda.

Burg prefers not to be drawn into a debate about the future of Jerusalem itself.

"Jerusalem is the most difficult bone of contention between Jews and Arabs. Therefore it is foolish to start by discussing the most intractable problem. Let us first sit down and talk to the Palestinians and leave the question of Jerusalem until last."

Burg is prepared to judge the latest peace initiative by Arafat and the PLO by what they do rather than say.

"But let the PLO be clear that we regard the intifada as terrorism not freedom fighting. Throwing petrol bombs at buses, burning women and children alive and throwing stones at passing cars is not non-violent resistance against occupation but despicable terrorism. It must stop if the Palestinians want serious peace talks."

Avraham Burg

Burg is the son of Yosef Burg, who recently retired having sat in every Knesset since its inception in 1949, and every cabinet since 1951. Burg the elder, though, was a member of the National Religious Party and had distinctly more right wing and establishment attitudes than his son.

Despite their deep political differences, Burg cannot be coaxed into criticizing his father.

"We do not have a political relationship. My father was always a father first and a politician afterthat. We argue all the time but we respect each other's positions and agree to disagree. I am sad that my father is no longer in the Knesset, and proud that a Burg is still there; but we are no dynasty."

Burg grew up in the Rehavia quarter of Jerusalem in a house once occupied by Emporer Haile Selassie, when he was exiled from Ethiopia earlier this century. He served as an officer in the paratroopers and later attended the Hebrew University, where he graduated in African Studies.

He lives with his wife Yael, who emigrated from France in 1968, and their four children at Nataf, a small settlement to the west of Jerusalem. The Burgs are pioneers in the old-fashion mold. They recently had a telephone installed but remain without electricity after five years at Nataf — a lifestyle they seem to enjoy.

Nevertheless, Avraham Burg still thinks of himself as a Jerusalemite. He continues to work in Jerusalem, as chairman of Shorashim, an organization which arranges seminars on Judaism for both secular and religious Israelis. And now, of course, his Knesset career will keep him in Jerusalem too.

For many years, Burg kept his distance from politics. It was the army that changed his mind. Even though he suffered a terrible accident performing army reserve duty, which saw him hospitalized for two yaers and semi-paralyzed for sensory dysfunction to the spine and feet, he volunteered to fight in Lebanon in 1982 because he wanted to be with his unit.

"In the Talmudic tradition, I had always been a questioning person, and I began to question the direction Israel was going in."

Involved with Diaspora affairs

Consequently, he became a leading Peace Now activist. In 1983, he was slightly injured when a hand grenade thrown by a right-wing fanatic at a Peace Now demonstration killed his colleague, Emile Grunsweig. He then became determined to work towards a society with less zealotry.

There then followed several years in which Burg became involved with Diaspora affairs. Firstly it was as a leadership fellow for the New Israel Fund, a philanthropic organization which supports "progressive" projects, then in a position of considerable political power as the then Prime Minister Shimon Peres' advisor on Diaspora affairs.

Burg is deeply concerned about the state of Israel-Diaspora relations, and he sees the two entities drifting further and further apart.

"I see no easy solutions, other than constant contact and strenuous efforts to talk to each other. Enterprises that demand personal participation like Project Renewal and the New Israel Fund are also constructive."

Burg notes that the proposed Who is a Jew amendment has further alienated many in the Diaspora.

"Although I am an Orthodox Jew, I am against this amendment. Of course, I believe that Jews should be converted according to Halacha, but for the sake of a few dozen Jews converted by reformed Rabbis that want to make aliya it is not worth alienating most of the Diaspora."

Burg adds that Halacha itself must be adapted to modern conditions by, for example, redefining the place for women and attitudes to secularism.

"In any case, the Knesset is a secular body and should not be asked to rule on religious definitions."

Burg was one of the ringleaders in Labor who fought against the signing of the recent Labor-Likud coalition agreement.

"It is not healthy for democracy that there is no strong oppostion within the Knesset. It is also confusing for the Diaspora to have a government which speaks with two contradictory voices."

Burg supports electoral reform as a potential panacea for the political deadlock that current elections produce.

"Israel definitely needs some form of constituency representation and possibly direct elections for the prime minister."

Burg refues to discuss his future ambitions and prospects — "I have barely found my feet in the Knesset" — but, like his father before him, he's clearly destined for leadership positions.

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A Jewish sporting extravaganza

Maccabiah to celebrate its bar mitzvah meeting

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — This summer's 13th Maccabiah promises to be a Jewish sporting extravaganza and a fitting way to celebrate its bar mitzvah meeting.

Organizers expect more than 5,000 sportsmen to participate in the forthcoming Maccabiah which will be held in Israel from July 3 to 13, a 25% increase over the previous Maccabiah in 1985. Participants are expected from a record number of countries and the thawing of relations between Israel and Eastern Europe means that for the first time since Israel's establishment, representatives from the Soviet bloc countries will be allowed to take part in the Maccabiah.

"There will definitely be a team from Hungary coming to Israel," stated Arieh Rosenzweig, chairman of the 13th Maccabiah organizing committee, "and we also hope that teams will come from Poland and the Soviet Union. In addition, Panama, Singapore and Hong Kong will be represented for the first time," bringing the number of participating nations to a record 40.

Because the International Olympic Committee recognizes the Maccabiah as the Jewish Olympics, South Africa will again be banned from competition. However, South African Jews will be allowed to participate on an individual basis.

The 13th Maccabiah will also include a record number of 30 different sports. For the first time 10-pin bowling will be included in the program, with competitions being held at a newly completed bowling alley in Tel Aviv.

Boxing, once one of the most popular sports when Jews lived in the slums of New York's Lower East Side and London's East End, is again excluded through lack of competitors. Cricket, rugby union, lawn bowling, squash and sailing, on the other hand, are among the scheduled events.

Maccabiah mascot, Gury, will attend the games on July 3rd to 13th. (WZPS photo)

The concept of the Maccabiah Games as an Olympics for Jews worldwide was envisaged by Joseph Yekuteli in 1921. When the first games were held in Ramat Gan in 1932, 309 athletes came from 17 countries. The event was a striking success and 1,700 competitors came for the Second Maccabiah in 1935. This became known as the Aliya Games, because many of the participants stayed on in the country, wisely preferring not to return to a Europe threatened by Hitler.

The next Maccabiah was not until 1949, and the drop in the number of entrants to 800 sadly reflected the catastrophe that had befallen the Jewish people.

Many of the world's top sportsmen have participated in Maccabiahs over the years, including 7-time Olympic gold-medal winner swimmer Marc Spitz.

Lavish opening, closing events

The bar mitzvah Maccabiah should include U.S. Olympic swimming gold medalist, David Berkoff, and Israeli tennis ace, Amos Mansdorf. But many of the world's famous sporting stars, especially in tennis, will not attend the Maccabiah.

"We do not offer sportsmen money to attend," explained Rosenzweig. "We can only offer them the opportunity to identify with the Jewish people and demonstrate Jewish solidarity."

In addition to the sporting events themselves there will be lavish opening and closing ceremonies. The opening ceremony will be at Kfar HaMaccabiah Stadium in Ramat Gan while the closing ceremony will be held by the Western Wall. Both ceremonies will be extravagazas with light shows and displays of singing, dancing and Jewish culture.

In keeping with the bar mitzvah theme, the closing ceremony will include a service in which 1,000 youngsters (500 from the Diaspora and 500 from Israel) will be bar mitzvah. In addition, overseas Maccabiah guests will be saluted at a folklore show in Caesarea and a concert at the Tel Aviv Museum.

In total, $5.8 million (U.S.) is being invested in the Maccabiah. Half of this sum will come from the participants, and the other half from the Israeli government, Jewish Agency, Israeli sports clubs and ticket sales.

Rosenzweig points out that the Maccabiah is only the tip of the Maccabi movement iceberg. In the past year regional Maccabiahs have been held in Europe, Latin America, North America and Australia for local participants.

More important, in many Jewish communities around the world, membership of the local Maccabiah sports club is the principle expression of Jewishness for local youngsters. For example, the entire Perth Jewish community in Australia numbering nearly 500 belongs to the local Maccabi club, while more than 20,000 Jews in Buenos Aires, Argentina belong to the Maccabi movement.

Australia will be sending a team more than 300 strong, while 180 Argentineans will compete in the Maccabiah. The largest team will be the 1,000 strong Israel contingent, while the U.S. will be sending 500 sportsmen. Participation will be in four categories: youth, the major events, masters (over 35s) and the handicapped (who will compete in tennis, basketball and swimming only).

Rosenzweig is pleased to report that the Arab uprising in the administered territories has not had an adverse effect on the number of overseas entries and he has heard of no cancellations. So the stage is set for a very special Maccabiah celebration.

Significant sporting records are unlikely to be achieved but a memorable opportunity for Jewish sportsmen and women from all around the world to come together in friendly and spirited competition is certain to make all 5,000 participants feel like winners.

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Researcher eyes Chinese medicine

Herbs boon to good health

By
AVA CARMEL

JERUSALEM(WZPS)— "A Chinese doctor used to be paid by his patients only when they were in good health. When they became ill the doctor was not paid, because he had failed to keep his patient healthy."

So wrote Dr. Stephen Fulder in 1976, in his book About Ginseng. The idea of maintaining health as opposed to avoiding disease was to change his entire life.

Fulder greeted this writer outside the quaint stone house he himself built in Clil, a village of 20 families in the Galilean hills. In faded blue jeans, barefoot, with a trimmed beard, he didn't resemble my image of a medical research scientist.

With an MA in biochemistry from Oxford University and a doctorate in genetics and gerontology, Fulder's research career began in a conventional manner.

"I was working for the National Institute of Medical Research in London and it struck me how much more is known in Chinese medicine and culture about how to keep one's health in old age. There are herbs we know nothing about that can be used to help us overcome the peripheral health problems we all suffer from — that state in between health and disease."

The herb ginseng plays a major role in Chinese medicine. The root of this perennial forest plant has been used for thousands of years as a tonic or restorative remedy and to help combat the degenerative process of aging, especially loss of vitality.

Research scientist Dr. Stephen Fulder is seen with ginseng root. (WZPS photo)

Caught up in explosive growth and acceptance of alternative medical practices in England, Fulder continued his research, helping to set up the Research Council for Complementary Medicine. Rather than an either-or approach, he says that alternative practices can be used to complement conventional medicine.

"It is possible to reduce medical side effects dramatically by using the ancient wisdom and modern experience of herbalism, homeopathy, acupuncture, massage and meditative techniques."

Fulder was instrumental in the setting up in England of a computerized national information centre on alternative medicine. But the pressure of work was not contributing to his own health, so Fulder and his Israeli wife, Rachel, decided to make their escape.

"I came to Israel about six years ago in order to continue my writing. We moved to Clil with our three daughters and set up a farm. To some extent this is a personal experiment, rather than a scientific one. I am still just as much involved with health, but on a more personal level."

Plants dried naturally in sheds

Like others in Clil, Fulder grows herbs. The hilly, rocky land has proven suitable for thyme, oregano, basil, marjoram, rosemary, to name a few. They are dried naturally, in sheds, and exported under the name Clil Organics. But it has proven difficult to break into the competitive export market.

"In Israel there is an intense search for agricultural crops that don't need a huge area of land. If you can apply science to the growing and processing of crops, you have an advantage over other countries in the world that still grow these plants in primitive conditions.

"Another area of interest was medicinal plants. With this idea in mind, I approached Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. of Haifa, which is a major global producer of licorice extract. We looked at the idea of starting an extraction industry here that would relate specifically to health products," he said.

"One of the first plants we are testing is ginseng, which is still rather crude in terms of its products. Here we had a clear opportunity to use knowledge of ginseng and the company's expertise in extraction, to make a good quality, scientifically controlled extract for the pharmaceutical and health industry in the West."

Botanicare, as it is called, is exporting an extract of American and Asian ginseng and Fulder still acts as consultant.

"At the same time we have started an experimental plantation up in the Golan Heights, simply to see under what conditions ginseng will grow in Israel and whether it is economically feasible. It is grown semi-hydroponically, in shade-houses under very carefully controlled conditions. We monitor it, weigh it and examine it.

"It seems to be good quality, but we haven't finished our tests as ginseng needs four years to grow. By next year we'll know and if it's successful we will be looking for growers."

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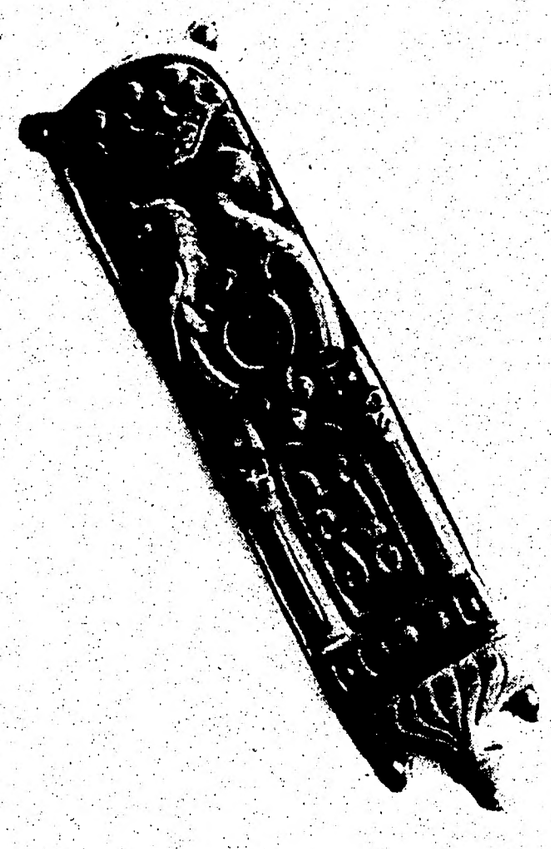
Squad organized to uncover frauds

Kashruth of some religious artifacts questioned

By SIMON GRIVER



A mezzuzah is seen on a door. (WZPS photo)

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — There is a pretty good chance that the mezzuzah on your front door and the Sefer Torah in your synagogue are not kosher — if such matters concern you.

They may contain spelling mistakes and have been made incompetently; corners might have been cut in their production and they may even have been stolen.

In order to improve the situation in Israel for the many observant Jews to whom kosher religious artifacts are crucial, Mercaz Shomrei STA"M (sifrei Torah, tefillin and mezzuzot), a Jerusalem-based organization, was established last year by a group of experienced and concerned sofrim (scribes). The members of the organization constitute a kind of fraud squad who aim to uncover incompetence and deceit in the trade of mezzuzot, tefillin and sifrei torah, wherever they exist.

However Rabbi David Singer, a cofounder of Mercaz Shomrei STA"M, does not like the term fraud to be associated with the new endeavor.

"I prefer to accentuate the positive. The purpose of the Mercaz Shomrei STA"M is to raise public awareness on the subject through education and to improve standards through rigorous training of scribes and mashgihim (kashrut inspectors)."

Nevertheless, Singer says the situation is dire. He cites the fact that numerous observant Jews purchase their religious articles in Mea Shearim assuming that the ultra-Orthodox neighborhood's zealous reputation guarantees an article's kashruth. Yet he says that manufacturers and traders frequently break every rule in the book.

Tricks of the trade include using paper instead of parchment inside mezzuzot, commissioning non-Jews and women to write the innards for mezzuzot and tefillin boxes, and using glue and other prohibited substances in the production of tefillin. There is an ever increasing black market in stolen tefillin and sifrei Torah. Singer estimates that some 20 to 30 sifrei Torah are stolen in Israel each year and sold abroad.

"A good quality Sefer Torah costs $25,000 new. Therefore people do not ask questions if a pious looking Jew with black garb, beard and payot turns up on their doorstep offering a Sefer Torah for $15,000."

Quoting Talmudic commentators and sages from the Middle Ages, Singer observes that these problems are far from new. Incompetence, deceit and the desire to make easy money, he notes, are age-old vices. In 1935, an organization known as Mercaz Shomrei STA"M was established in Poland by a hundred of Eastern Europe's most prestigious rabbis. Singer's organization intends continuing the work of these rabbis, most of whom perished at the hands of the Nazis.

In recent years in Israel a group known as Va'ad Mishmeret STA"M has been formed to train sofrim and mashgihim.

"I wish there were 20 or 30 such organizations. We are not in competition but complement each other."

All the same, Singer does complain that in certain spheres, such as checking the constituent materials of tefillin and the squareness of tefillin boxes, Va'ad Mishmeret can be lax.

Singer rejects the notion that Mercaz Shomrei STA"M is too pedantic.

"I believe that people who want to perform the mitzvot of STA"M "want to perform them properly. A scribe has an extremely responsible task: for if he makes a mistake then somebody is prevented from performing the mitzvah time and time again."

To ensure that mistakes are kept to a minimum, Mercaz Shomrei STA"M is currently offering 6-month training courses for scribes and a 2-year course for inspectors. Fifteen students are taking advantage of the former courses and 10 are studying for the latter qualification. Representatives of the organization also lecture in yeshivot and other forums and on request will check STA"M objects.

British-born Singer has undertaken a lecture tour in his native country and Mercaz STA"M plans to open a museum which will illustrate the significance of STA"M objects and demonstrate how they are made.

A computer program has been devised which can scan STA"M materials for spelling mistakes, though Singer warns that hi-tech can hinder as well as help, noting that some mezzuzot and tefillin contain lithographed prayers.

Ultimately Mercaz shom rei STA"M hopes that the Israeli government will take tougher measures to halt the sale of unkosher objects by providing the ministry of religious affairs with well-trained inspectors and by bringing prosecutions through the existing Knesset law which prohibits the sale of unkosher artifacts.

Top biologist seeks to discover southern Israel's prehistoric climate

REHOVOT — Dr. Glenn A. Goodfriend, evolutionary biologist and snail expert at the Weizmann Institute's Department of Isotope Research, would like to know what the climate was in southern Israel during perhistoric periods.

But standard paleoclimatic methods, he noted in a recent issue of the journal Nature, are not helpful in reconstructing the rainfall history of an area that is a transition zone between two different climates, such as the Northern Negev, because they record the rainfall of too broad an area.

Methods such as lake level studies of the Dead Sea, or pollen analyses, for example, record the past rainfall of not only the Northern Negev, which is on the edge of the Saharan arid zone, but also of the wet Mediterranean zone several kilometres away. A minor shift of these climatic zones can make a big difference in the rainfall of the Northern Negev.

To determine whether and when such shifts have occurred, a method for detecting the past rainfall of a restricted region is required.

Goodfriend solved the problem through plants, and through the snails which eat them. In the Nature article, he reconstructs the prehistoric distribution of desert plants in the Northern Negev by analyzing the stable carbon isotopes in the organize matter of fossil landsnail shells which he had collected there.

The organic matter is derived from the plant diet of the snails, and the isotopic composition reveals the types of plants the snails were eating. Shells that were radiocarbon dated to between 2500 and 1000 BCE, he reported, reveal that snails in that part of the Negev were then feeding solely on non-desert plants, whereas today this region supports desert vegetation.

The transition to desert vegetation occurred at that time some 20 km south of where it occurs today. This indicates that the climate of the Northern Negev was different then; the region was receiving up to twice as much rainfall, according to his estimate.

In as-yet unpublished studies on older snail fossils, Goodfriend found that these wetter conditions stretched back to 8000 BCE.

Nevertheless, many archaeologists will find it hard to accept that substantial rain fell in the Northern Negev during the middle to late Bronze Age (1900-1200 BCE), for the civilization of the Negev was then in a process of decline. Though it could previously boast of a great city in Arad, by the year 2000 BCE the region had apparently been totally abandoned, and was not resettled until the arrival of the Israelites around 1200 BCE.

For lack of evidence to explain this abandonment, many archaeologists have attributed it to the advent of drier conditions, which continue today. But according to Goodfriend that cannot be the explanation, which must be sought, he says, in a better understanding of the cultures of that time.

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David Yellin Teachers College marks 75th year

Israeli school stands as model for teacher training

By
LISA SAMIN

David Yellin (second row, second left) is founder of David Yellin Teachers College. (WZPS photo)

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — At a time when educational standards are under attack and the quality of Israeli education has become a controversial issue, the David Yellin Teachers College stands as a model for teacher training in Israel.

Celebrating its 75th or diamond anniversary, the college is the oldest educational institution of higher learning in Israel, representing the ideals and values of education intrinsic in the Jewish heritage. Its founder, David Yellin, was a sabra and pioneer Jewish educator whose involvement in the development of Jerusalem and its major institutions (the National Library, B'nai Brith and the Hebrew Language Committee) made him a prominent leader in the Yishuv (pre-state Palestine).

Teacher education began in pre-state Israel in 1904 with the establishment in Jerusalem of the Jewish Teachers Seminary sponsored by Ezra, the German Jewish Association (Hilfsverein) with Yellin serving as the assistant principle.

In 1913, the "language war" broke out and different communities (French, German, English, Ladino, Yiddish) fought to establish their language as the official language of the Yishuv. Firmly believing that Hebrew should be the official language of instruction, Yellin and a group of teachers and students left Ezra, the Jewish Teachers Seminary, and founded the Hebrew Teachers Seminary — the change in name indicating that all classes were to be conducted in the Hebrew language.

It wasn't until 1928 that the college received its permanent home in the Jerusalem suburb of Beit Hakerem, where its innovative approach in teacher training continues today. The Beit Hakerem Seminary, as it was to be fondly called for many years, had 60 students, all male, and was an important educational institution and centre for Zionist learning and cultural activities.

During the 1929 Arab riots the college was a place of defence and refuge for the Jewish community. From then until the War of Independence, the college served as a place of learning during the day and as a training ground for the Haganah, the underground defence organization of the Yishuv, at night.

It was from here that the Lamed Hei group set out on its historic mission to save the population of Gush Etzion, and during the battle for the Old City of Jerusalem in 1967 a group of paratoopers camped within its walls. However, throughout the turbulent history of the country, classes — sometimes under the most extenuating circumstances — were always held.

Innovative studies

Many distinguished educators, influential in shaping Israel's public educational system, were trained at the college.

Zohar Wilbusch, who today is 81 and was the first woman to study at the college in 1931 said: "The Hebrew Teachers Seminary was the place to learn. The standard of teaching and the level of Hebrew taught were unsurpassed by any other institution."

Distinguished alumni include Avraham Even-Shoshan, author of the authoritative Hebrew dictionary, linguist and author Dr. Reuven Sivan, poet Yehuda Amichai, Knesset Member Shulamit Aloni and Israel prize-winner and promoter of Arab-Jewish coexistence, Shulamit Katznelson.

In 1979, the college received academic recognition from the Council for Higher Education in Israel, enabling it to award the Bachelor of Education degree to qualified students. With its new academic status the college continued working toward its goals of providing the highest level of educational theory and practice, for all student teachers, in which the pursuit of knowledge and individuality flourishes.

Today, the college's modern methods and innovative programs are designed to meet the needs of Israel's pluralistic society. Dean Emeritus and former American educator Dr. Norman Schanin said: "Teachers should see it as their role to ease tensions and to educate for understanding and for the peaceful co-existence of the various communities which make up a land and a people."

The college's many programs include Early Childhood Education, Arab Special Education, Program for Training Math and Science Teachers for Development Towns, an Institute for Arab-Jewish Coexistence and a preparatory program for new immigrants. The college is also the national centre for the training of teachers for the severely mentally handicapped in Israel.

The David Yellin Teachers College is proud of the role it has played in creating dedicated and committed teachers, passing the values of educational excellence, moderation, and peace from generation to generation.

Dr. Itay Zimran, the new Dean of the college said: "On the eve of our 75th anniversary we must take stock of ourselves, using the best of what we have and combining it with the best of what can be. In this way we can provide Israel with teachers who are motivated, dedicated and trained in a modern educational system which offers them the tools to effectively educate our future generations."

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Work shows belief in national homeland

Bialik remains a profound influence

By
CAROL NOVIS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — If modern-day Israel can be said to have a national soul, that soul is probably expressed best through the poetry, essays and children's rhymes of Chaim Nachman Bialik, the "father of modern Israeli literature" who died 55 years ago.

Independence Day is an appropriate memorial date for Bialik whose work expressed conflicting feelings about traditional faith, a deep moral sense, love of nature and above all, belief in the necessity for a national homeland for the Jewish people; concerns that still deeply engage Israelis today. That might explain why Bialik, almost half a century after his death, retains a profound influence on Israeli society at every level.

Bialik had, in some respects, a paradoxical life. His childhood had unhappy elements, mingled with periods of ecstatic joy in nature and learning, and both are found in his poetry.

He was born into a poor family which suffered tragedy when his father, a lumber merchant's clerk and later a tavern keeper in the Ukraine, died in 1880, when Bialik was just seven.

Life was difficult for the sensitive child when the father was alive ("My father's want profaned the Sabbath feast/His table carried neither wine nor bread," he wrote later in My Song) and it became much worse when his father died.

In the same poem, Bialik describes his mother's tears falling into the bread she is baking.

"My heart knew well that tears fell in the dough;
And when she gave her children warm new bread
Bread of her baking, bread of her pain, her woe,
I swallowed sighs that seeped into my bones."

It is these tears that are later symbolically transformed into poetry.

But at the same time, Bialik also recalled in later life some of the joys of the innocent outdoor life of his early childhood. Many of these joys were described in children's verse, such as Bird's Nest, Over the Sea, and Swing, which have become classic Israeli nursery rhymes.

After his father died, his widowed mother, unable to support him, sent the 7-year-old to live with his grandfather. He was a stern traditionalist, who subjected the boy to a strict scholastic regimen. Bialik was traumatized by the family separation, and wrote poignant poems about the event, even in old age.

At first he studied in the local cheder, then from the age of 13, pursued his studies independently at a yeshiva. The modernism of the period, however, penetrated his lonely scholasticism, and Bialik began to read and enjoy secular Russian poetry.

C. N. Bialik (right) is seen with fellow poet Uri Zvi Greenberg. (WZPS photo)

At age 15, he was sent for advanced study to the famous yeshiva of Volozhin. He had hoped to find there a middle way between orthodoxy and the open forces of the Enlightenment, but he was disappointed. Subsequently, he turned more and more to poetry and to secular literature.

By the age of 20, Bialik was beginning to move away from a purely religious framework towards a nationalistic, Zionist ideal. He joined the secret society, Nezah Israel, which combined Jewish nationalism with the traditional religion, then moved to Odessa, a dynamic centre of Jewish secular intellectual life.

One of the greatest early influences on Bialik was Ahad Ha'am, the great Zionist philosopher. In an ardent poem, Bialik wrote of Ahad Ha'am, "Receive our blessing for each seed of . . . idea/ That you have sown . . . in our desolate hearts."

One element of national independence that particularly interested Bialik was the idea of the necessity for self-defence. In his poem In The City of Slaughter, written after the 1903 Kishinev pogroms, he castigated the Jews for their meek submission.

In 1892, Bialik returned to the Ukraine to see his dying grandfather. He married and began working in the timber trade. Life at home left him dissatisfied. In his poem Return, he wrote bitterly about the stifling life he found there:

"Once more, Look: a spent old scarecrow
shrivelled face/straw-dry shadow
swaying like a leaf
bending and swaying over books."

Five years later, he became a teacher, and began to write increasingly admired poems chastising the Jewish populace for their apathy to the national movement.

Though a Zionist, Bialik was more a cultural philosopher than a political activist. He actually mocked Herzl's political Zionism and the First Zionist Congress, which he saw as inferior to Ahad Ha'am's more spiritual ideological approach.

In 1900, Bialik returned to Odessa where he remained until 1921, except for a year in Warsaw. Gradually, as he gained a reputation, he came to know a circle of writers and Zionist leaders that included Ahad Ha'am and Mendele Mocher Sfarim.

His first book of poems was published in 1901, and he was praised as a poet of the national Renaissance.

It seemed a natural development to settle in the Jewish national homeland, and, in 1924, he moved to what was then mandated Palestine, settling in Tel Aviv.

Palestine then must have been primitive compared to Odessa, but Bialik was passionately enthusiastic from the start. He praised the building of the "earthly Jerusalem," and enthused, "The angels are building the land overnight."

His literary work in Israel included compiling poetry of Jewish poets of Spain, collecting legends of the Agadah, helping to found the Hebrew University and expanding the Dvir publishing house. He wrote little of his own poetry, though, until just a few years before his death.

If Bialik has a literary affinity in the English world, it would probably be the romantic 19th century poet Wordsworth, who also wrote about the lost childhood world of innocence and about cosmic, spiritual search often expressed through nature.

But Bialik is a uniquely Hebrew poet, with a profound background in the Jewish sources, who in spite of an ambivalent attitude to religion, frequently used Talmudic, biblical and mystic idioms. He wrestled with spiritual contradictions such as faith and loss of faith, exile and redemption, despair and inspiration.

Today, critics see Bialik's main contribution as developing an entirely new poetic idion in Hebrew. He was not the first to write in Hebrew, but he was an original, who freed Hebrew poetry from its dependence on the Bible and its tendency to propaganda.

Bialik drew a picture of the modern Jew, torn by a crisis of faith between the modern and the traditional world. The path he chose to reconcile these painful difficulties was Zionism, in which Bialik always retained a deep faith. As he wrote in Footsteps of Spring.

"To my full heart I will give utterance,
With shining tears expel my black despair.
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Note: Poetry taken from "Chaim Nachman Bialik — selected poems," translated by Ruth Nevo. Dvir, 1981.

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Lack of competition between hotels

Israel's distorted negative image affects tourism

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —
Every tourist who comes to Israel spends time in this capital city.

There were occasions when the flood of visitors was so great that even the thousands of hotel rooms were insufficient to accommodate them all, and late comers had to be housed outside the city and even as far as Tel Aviv. It seemed there was need for more hotels, and so they were built.

Today, with the distorted negative image which Israel has received in the media, the splendid facilities are not fully used, and the bright and promising hopes of a flourishing tourist industry have not materialized.

Who is to blame? Some say the press and television, which have painted the country in dark hues and have promoted fear and doubt in the minds of prospective visitors.

Some say the Arabs, who have deliberately created unrest in order to frighten away tourists, who do not realize that the disturbances are not near the places where tourists usually go. After all, even in American cities there are neighborhoods which local law-abiding citizens avoid.

Some say American Jews are to blame for having succumbed. No one really knows, but it has been said that no more than 15% of American Jewry have paid even a single visit to the Jewish state.

Some say the Israel government is at fault for not conducting an imaginative promotion campaign.

And some blame the hotels, on the grounds that their rates are too high. The latter charge is hotly refuted by the hoteliers who point out that the sliding scale of hotels takes into consideration every pocketbook and every taste. Besides, the new shekel rate gives the dollar added value here.

When business was good there used to be competition between the hotels. Under present circumstances there is a tendency to encourage tourism in general, in the expectation that all of them will benefit.

The new ones are at the greatest disadvantage.

"If people come to the country we'll all do well," said Norman Rafelson, general manager of the new Hyatt Regency on Mt. Scopus. "But we have to try harder because we're the new kid on the block."

This is a panorama of Jerusalem from Mount of Olives.

With its 503 rooms, the Hyatt is today the biggest hotel in Jerusalem. Its unique architecture and its typical Hyatt-style lobby atrium give it an international flavor, but it has managed to incorporate Israel characteristics as well, so one does not have the feeling that he could just as well be in Chicago, London or New York.

The historical, religious, scenic and recreational attractions of Israel are well known, but Rafelson is busy thinking up new attractions to stimulate visits.

At least one of his ideas has an international political significance. In March the Jerusalem Hyatt will conduct a Hungarian Festival, replete with typical music and food. Of course, the thousands of Hungarian Jews within the country will be patrons, but a large delegation of writers, artists and visitors will come from Hungary as well.

That's only the first step because the Hyatt in Budapest is expected to reciprocate with an Israel Festival dedicated to promotion of good will for this country. What diplomats and statesmen can't always do, enterprising hoteliers can sometimes achieve.

The skeptics have remained doubtful. Can a new hotel, and a big one at that, buck the trend and compete with the standard, classical inns of this city?

It appears there is a prestige appeal as well. Everybody who has been to Jerusalem has at one time or another stayed at the other place. But in 1989 this is the 'in' place, this year's hotel. One is reminded of the appeal made in Miami Beach some years ago when the Fontainbleau and the Eden Roc were each in turn touted as "this year's hotel," and established their popularity as a result.

Location is an important factor for any hotel, and when Rafelson advertises, for example, that he is located within two minutes walking distance from the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus, he's not kidding. How far is it from the Dead Sea, asks the cynic who wants his health treatments and mud baths. The manager smiles. He has opened a branch of the Dead Sea on the premises, and the Hyatt health spa "imports" the famous Dead Sea muds for treatments right in the heart of Jerusalem.

But whether it's the Hyatt Regency or any of the other famous hotels in Jerusalem, they are all seeking to outdo themselves this year to attract guests. Lowered rates, guaranteed until next year, and the increased value of the dollar, will play an important part in stimulating a new surge of tourists to the country.

Will you be one of those to derive the enjoyment and the benefit?

$60 million Netanya project geared to all Jewish families

NETANYA —
A $60-million residential project is being launched in Israel in the resort city of Netanya, two of the country's principle building companies Mishab and Azorim announced.

For the first time in almost a decade, a planned community of 400 apartments is being developed specifically geared to Jewish families abroad as well as local buyers, developers said. Called Ganei Hahof, it will consist of 10 buildings of eight to 11 stories plus penthouses.

The community will combine two sections, one specifically for observant Jewish families. Mishab Towers offers 140 apartments designed for Sabbath observers. At the same time, Azorim is developing 256 apartments for this planned private seafront community.

The apartments at Ganei Hahof feature three to 5½ bedrooms of between 135 - 170 sq. metres (1,450 - 1,900 sq. ft), ranging from $138,000 to $220,000 (U.S. dollars) with several payment and mortgage plans available. The estimated occupancy date of the first apartments will begin before Pesach 1991.

The complex also provides views to the east across the citrus groves of the Sharon to the Shomron mountains. The community will include self-contained features such as children's nurseries, medical facilities, two health clubs and a shopping centre amidst landscaped gardens and traffic-free walking and play areas.

Netanya, located between Tel Aviv and Haifa, 20 to 30 minutes from each city and about an hour from Jerusalem, has long attracted olim, temporary residents and tourists from North America, England and France.

A focus of Israel's booming diamond industry, it is also considered to be centrally located to Israel's business, industrial, academic, cultural and recreational enterprises.

The project is designed by the prize-winning Israeli architectural firm of Yasha and Rubanenko.

Museum seeks volunteers

TORONTO —
The Israel Department of Antiquities and Museums is offering a unique experience for serious volunteers interested in participating in a salvage project in the summer of 89.

This is a large scale excavation carried out in a late prehistoric site near Kibbutz Palmahim, located on the Mediterranean coast near Tel Aviv. At one time a fertile cresent with excellent chances for prehistoric settlement, it now is an area of low ridges covered by sand dunes. Time and shifting sand have buried one of these ancient settlements beneath the dunes.

The periods involved in this dig are the Early Bronze Age and the Calcolithic Age which date back roughly to the fourth millenium BCE.

Students of archeology and related fields, will find this an opportunity for hands-on experience. Much of the work is literally a systematic dig to expose the ancient remains.

It is hard working under the hot Israeli sun, but if after a typical day of six hours of field work beginning at dawn and two hours of pottery washing later, a remnant is unearthed, the reward is tremendous.

Satisfaction is gained from each tiny discovery and then there is the bonus of a truly rare find.

Workdays are built around a siesta which allows the volunteers to take advantage of the surrounding attractions. Evenings and weekends are free time for volunteers to arrange trips to see the country.

Anyone over 17, healthy and motivated can volunteer for a limited number of positions. Preference will be given to students in related fields but organized groups from synagogues, churches or youth movements are welcome.

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An austere man who worshipped nature

Aliya leader Gordon's influence still is strong

By
SIMON GRIVER

TEL AVIV (WZPS) — The street named for Aharon David Gordon in Tel Aviv is one of the city's most fashionable thoroughfares. It stretches inland from the sea front promenade with its high rise hotels, to the spacious square outside city hall and Gan Ha'Ir, a resplendent newly opened shopping mall. Apartments along Rehov Gordon command extremely high prices.

Yet Gordon would have been neither flattered nor honored by the street bearing his name. He was an austere man who worshipped nature, espoused the importance of physical labor, and sought to create rural Jewish communities.

Often known as the prophet of the 2nd and 3rd aliya, and considered one of the Jewish state's founding fathers, Gordon remains an important influence in Israeli life, despite the initial impression that his aims are anachronistic.

As Gershon Weiner writes in This book The Founding Fathers of Israel, Gordon is "the man who, more than any other individual, is identified with the social and spiritual foundation of modern Israel. . . ."

But Gordon came to Zionism late in life. He was born in Troyanov, Russia in 1856 into an eminent family of noted rabbinical scholars. Through family connections he gained a senior post in the financial management of the estates of Baron Guenzberg and held the position for 23 years.

During this period he was always interested in and supportive of the idea of settling Eretz Israel but as a traditionalist he was deeply suspicious of many Zionists whom he felt had too rebellious an attitude towards Judaism.

There was no indication that Gordon, a seemingly straightforward family man in a settled job, would suddenly pack his bags at the age of 48 and set sail for Palestine. The crisis that brought on Gordon's unexpected change of lifestyle came about in 1903 when he found himself without a job after Baron Guenzberg sold the lands that he managed. Gordon's decision to immigrate to Palestine was bitterly opposed by his family and it was not until 1909 that his wife and children joined him in Eretz Israel.

Aharon Gordon is identified with Israel's social and spiritual bases. (WZPS photo)

Arriving in Palestine, Gordon worked as a casual farm laborer in the citrus groves of Petah Tikvah and Rishon Le Zion before moving north to the Galilee. In 1909 he became a founder member of Degania — located on the River Jordan near the southern tip of Lake Kinneret — the first kibbutz to be established.

Gordon won the respect of his fellow farming pioneers through his fanatical approach to work. Moshe Smilansky in his book Aaron David Gordon — Sound the Great Trumpet, quotes one of Gordon's fellow workers: "When his efforts to work at digging ditches in a grove proved beyond his strength — he managed to dig three a day while some of the others did 50 — the young farmers of the settlement offered him the position of assistant to the settlement clerk, but he refused."

In this manner Gordon began to exert an odd influence over the Jewish pioneers who were resettling the ancestral homeland. This strange man, balding with a bushy gray beard and fiery eyes, captivated the imagination of those around him with his biblical appearance and dedication to hard work.

Even more fascinating, Gordon was an intellectual and philosopher. He regularly published articles and essays in the local press which had a deep impact on the ideological development of Zionism. "Our road leads to nature through the medium of physical labor," Gordon wrote.

In his writings he insisted that the Jewish people in the Diaspora led a highly abnormal existence. They were, he claimed, an almost entirely urban people with little contact with the land and the countryside. At the same time he was concerned by the fact that few Jews worked in heavy industry or farming.

The task of Zionism as he saw it was to create a rural Jewish society based on hard labor and working the land. Only in this manner could Jews be at one with nature.

Though he denounced the evils of capitalism and industrialization, he also distanced himself from Marxism and socialism. "The aim of Marxism is the reorganization of the social order, 'he wrote,' not the renewal of the human spirit."

He also rejected the cosmopolitanism of both socialism and capitalism, asserting that a person's spirit is deeply rooted in the culture, traditions and history of his people. He called this theory "cosmonationalism."

The notion has often been expressed that if Gordon were alive today he would be deeply disappointed by modern Israel. In many ways Israel has come to resemble Diaspora life. Most Israelis live in large cities and the groves of Petah Tikvah and Rishon Le Zion, where Gordon once labored, have become concrete suburbs of Tel Aviv.

Moreover, the ethos of manual labor, so important in Israel just a generation ago has largely evaporated. Arab labor from the territories is used for menial jobs. A recent Israel Television program even revealed that there are 16,000 foreign workers in Israel imported from such countries as Portugal and Turkey.

And yet there is also much that Gordon would take satisfaction from. The country has a thriving agricultural sector and most of the labor in the kibbutzim, moshavim and other agricultural settlements is still undertaken by Jews.

Even a pampered middle class child, living in one of those expensive Tel Aviv apartments in Rehov Gordon, would through school visits and army service, grow up with a feeling for and knowledge of the land that his Diaspora counterparts would be unlikely to possess.

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Perfect Panoramas

Malach family tours Israel at own pace in a van

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Three children, a van and a guide were all that were needed to make Howard and Fran Malach's trip to Israel a success.

The children were their own while the van and guide were arranged through the tourist office when Malach booked the trip.

The tour was just one excursion Malach organized to fulfill his promise he made by participating in Operation Solidarity last December. Part of the deal the package offered was that all participants had to arrange trips to Israel for 15 people within a 1-year time frame.

Malach found that there was no better place to start than at home, and in fact, his tours were designed specifically for the family.

"Every family has their own schedule. For instance, we left during Passover while another family might not have been able to make it then. Literally, we had one guide, a van and an itinerary that could be adjusted if need be.

"In total, we visited three cities. The first was Herzilia. We were there for the first four days so the kids could unwind from the trip. It was a beach resort, and the weather was great. Temperatures reached 85 to 90 degrees.

"We toured the area from Haifa visiting places like the Bahai Temple and Garden, Rosh Hanikra, Caesarea and Acre. Then we headed for the northern part of the country." Malach said.

The next stop for the Malach crew was Tiberias where they spent two days touring the historical sites.

"We drove through the Golan Heights and I was able to see just how important it is to Israel's survival. In order to illustrate just how spontaneous the trip was, one of the days was so hot that we changed our itinerary to spend the day at the water gardens in Tiberias instead of going to Nazareth. We also took a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee," he said.

"Everyone was so relaxed and friendly that our 4-year-old, Evan, was allowed to help steer the boat.

The Malach family (clockwise from top left, Howard, Frances, Sabrina, Evan and Lauren) toured Israel.

"It was a great family tour especially because we weren't ruled by a schedule. From Tiberias, we went through the desert to Judea and Samaria to the ancient city of Jericho where the children went on a camel ride. It was great when you think that we spent the morning at the waterslides and the afternoon in the desert!"

The remainder of the trip was spent in Jerusalem. This 8-night excursion held experiences and sites too numerous to recall but the Malachs did many of the things tourists enjoy. Not only did the family plant trees at the Hadassah Hospital, pay a visit to Yad Vashem and Masada, but they also covered themselves in mud and floated in the Dead Sea.

Initially, Malach decided to go ahead to see how safe the country was before taking the family to Israel — hence his participation in Operation Solidarity.

"When my Dad went the first time, I was scared," 9-year-old Lauren, said.

"I thought it would be scary because I knew there was a war on. We have talked about it in school and I've seen it on the TV. But, when Dad came back, he told me it was in another part of the country.

"The whole time we were there, the only record of violence was a stabbing and I wouldn't have known about that except that I read it in the Jerusalem Post! It was one singular, separate incident. Things get so blown out of proportion.

"When we drove through the desert to the Hyatt, the contrast between the modern and the ancient was very striking."

"However, once we arrived at the hotel, we really didn't see too many Canadian Jewish tourists. There seemed to be hundreds of Christian Bible groups and we met up with a Jewish mission tour from South America but really very few Canadian and America Jews. They have been scared off by the media."

The group of five included Malach's wife Fran, Evan, Sabrina, 8, and Lauren.

"I had a great time," Mrs. Malach said. "I had been to Israel when I was a teenager, but it was nothing compared to what I saw this time. I had a continuous feeling of awe — it was like re-living civilization. It was so powerful."

Lauren immediately pointed out her favorite exploration — Ammunition Hill, a military post used prior to 1967, now a memorial to those young soldiers who fell during the Six Day War.

"The trenches were really narrow when we went through them. We saw the holes the soldiers used to shoot out of too," she said.

"It is surprising what the children remember. We felt it was important for them to know at a young age that Israel is a real place that can be visited," Malach said.

"From their studies, Israel is built up into a mythical Utopia in the mind. It tends to become something larger than life for children, so we have shown our children that it is safe, it is beautiful and it does exist."

Nine educators' journey focuses on religious sites

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

MONTREAL —

For a group of nine Montreal school administrators and teachers, the recent trip to Israel was like being back in school.

Raizel Candib, who has worked for the Willingdon School of Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, arranged the tour to honor the commitment she made when she participated in the Operation Solidarity Mission last December.

Collecting nine interested educators, Candib constructed a trip designed around the religious aspect of the country.

"In Quebec, students are taught moral and religious studies and Judaism and Christianity are two aspects of the course. My main focus is centred around the idea that visiting these places enhances teaching. Seeing the place, makes it real to the teacher, and this is transmitted to the kids."

The group spent eight days in Israel but Candib said that if she could do it all again, she would prefer to spend more time in Jerusalem.

"It has everything! It is here where you feel the time warp between the past and the present. It's very hard to say what was the most impressive because there is so much. From the excavations to the children's memorial at Yad Vashem, it's

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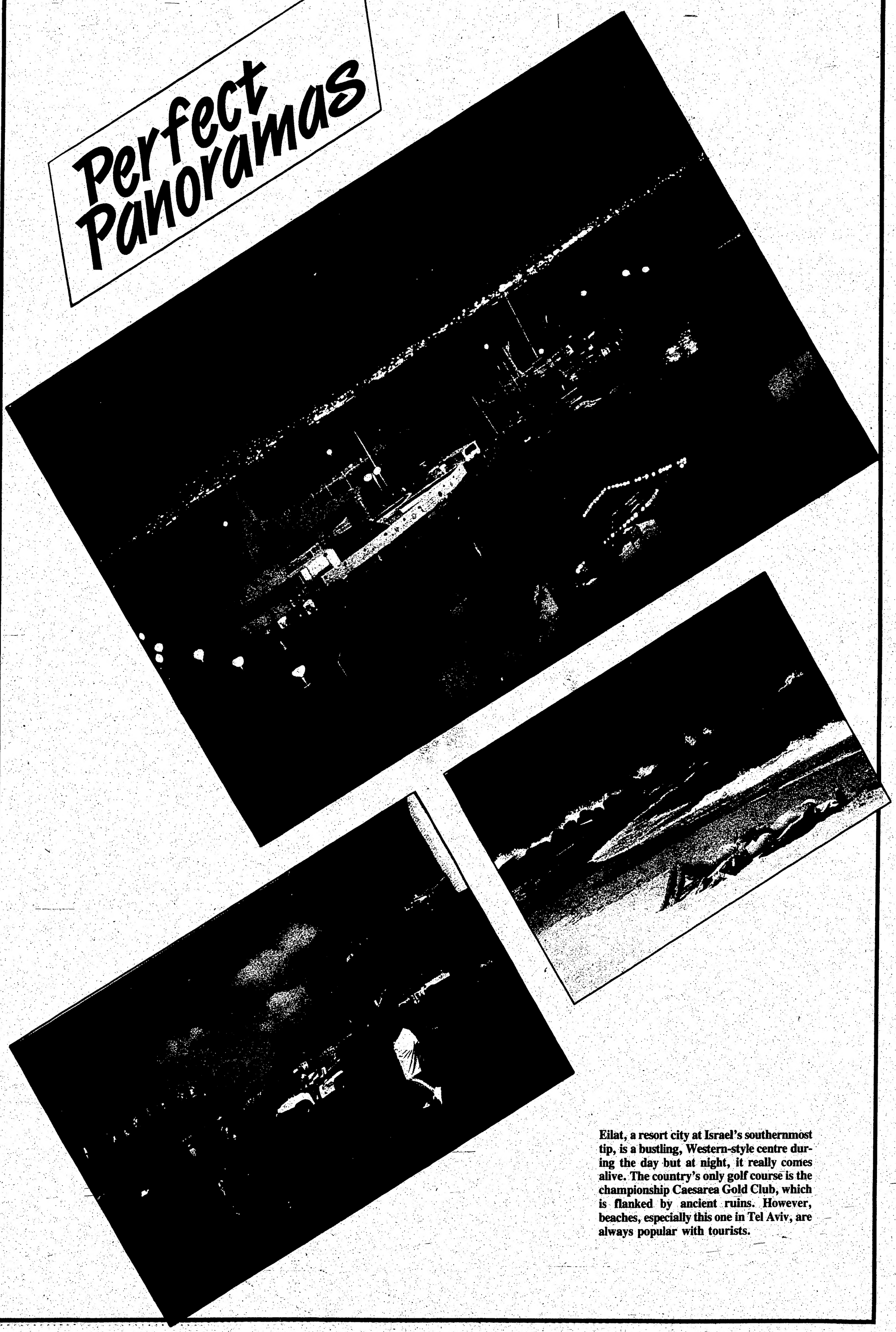

Eilat, a resort city at Israel's southernmost tip, is a bustling, Western-style centre during the day but at night, it really comes alive. The country's only golf course is the championship Caesarea Gold Club, which is flanked by ancient ruins. However, beaches, especially this one in Tel Aviv, are always popular with tourists.

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Perfect Panoramas

BBYO staffer puts experience to use

Students encouraged to study in Israel

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The slogan reads where your country is your classroom, and Vicki Gosewich, a 24-year-old Ottawa native is inclined to agree.

Students attending the Tel Aviv University proudly display the saying on T-shirts and other school items to exhibit the support they have for the country.

Gosewich made the decision to study in her homeland.

She joined the overseas Tel Aviv program and returned nearly four years later, in 1988, with a B.A. in Linguistics. Although she is not using her degree, Gosewich is sharing her experiences and advice.

Today, Gosewich works as the assistant regional director for the B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) for the Lake Ontario Region.

"In December, I went on the Operation Solidarity trip to Israel. It ran from Dec. 7th to the 14th. The tour was highly subsidized and its main purpose was to promote tourism to the country.

"We had from September until July to recruit 15 people to visit Israel and at the same time we have to promote Israel in some way or another for the next two years. We were made honorary ambassadors of the country."

Although Gosewich has not personally organized a trip, she is working on a couple of ideas for the future. In the meantime, Gosewich is putting her experience to good use.

"Many of the Operation Solidarity people have already arranged trips but I haven't — not directly. I receive phone calls at the BBYO from people of varying ages and social status and I have sat on the phone at length talking to them. I get the facts about the kinds of tours they are interested in, the purpose of the trip and so on.

"I basically figure out what program suits what individual the best. On several occasions, I have actually met the people," she said.

"For example, I got a call the other day from an MBA student who was looking for a tour to join and I told him about a business student seminar. I sent him a letter on my offical stationery along with photocopies of information concerning the program. This is followed up with a phone call."

By using this method, Gosewich has encouraged close to 25 young people to visit Israel. She has collected information from various agencies that run these programs including Hashomer Hatzair, Canada Young Judea, Tel Aviv University, The Weizmann Institute, Hakesher and many others. Gosewich also has access to information regarding tours that are sponsored by the American Zionist Federation and other American agencies.

Vicki Gosewich urges students to join the Tel Aviv University Overseas Program.

"Most of the calls I receive are from teenagers and people in their early 20s although sometimes the parents will call. Basically, I save these people the trouble of having to make these calls themselves."

"However, this is not my full-time job and I do most of the photocopying and calling on my lunch hour. I'm definitely interested and I find the work fun."

Gosewich has two tours planned for the near future. The first is to bring those 25 individuals together in a meeting geared to the sharing of information.

The second trip involves an excursion to Tel Aviv for any alumni members of the university. It would be a time to get together with old friends and explore the old haunts once again. However, as Gosewich said this is a long-term goal.

"Word gets around. The more you talk, the more people listen. I, myself, have never been on one of the tours because I don't think they're long enough for one to really get to know the country. However, the earlier you get there, the better because before you know it there is no end to the excuses — school, job competition, the family.

"There were quite a number of adults on Operation Solidarity who had never been to Israel. Even within the BBO regional management staff there are those who haven't been. It just blew my mind!"

Gosewich admitted that it was the diversity of the country that she loved so much during her stay there.

"I look out my window here in Toronto and I think where is the desert, the trees on my left and the ocean on my right? It does have something for everyone. It's actually a walking experience — a walk through history."

"It's true that the media has distorted the public's perception of Israel. You can't possibly see the beauty of the land if all you see are pictures of the West Bank or the Gaza strip," she said.

"It has always been a point of interest in the news and basically I think it's because Israel is a country that belongs to four different religions. It's the struggle between these factions that make it more newsworthy.

"However, the tourist places are safe and the accommodation is wonderful. I can't describe what it was like," she added.

"The staff was so kind. If you call for an iron or lost a key, someone would be there in two seconds. There is so much to see. I can't think of another country that has a similar history.

"It's a new country yet they have advanced so far — there are more archeological digs, new hotels and a Wendy's has opened up, too!"

Gosewich referred to herself as a true blue patriot and she urges students to look into the overseas program that is available.

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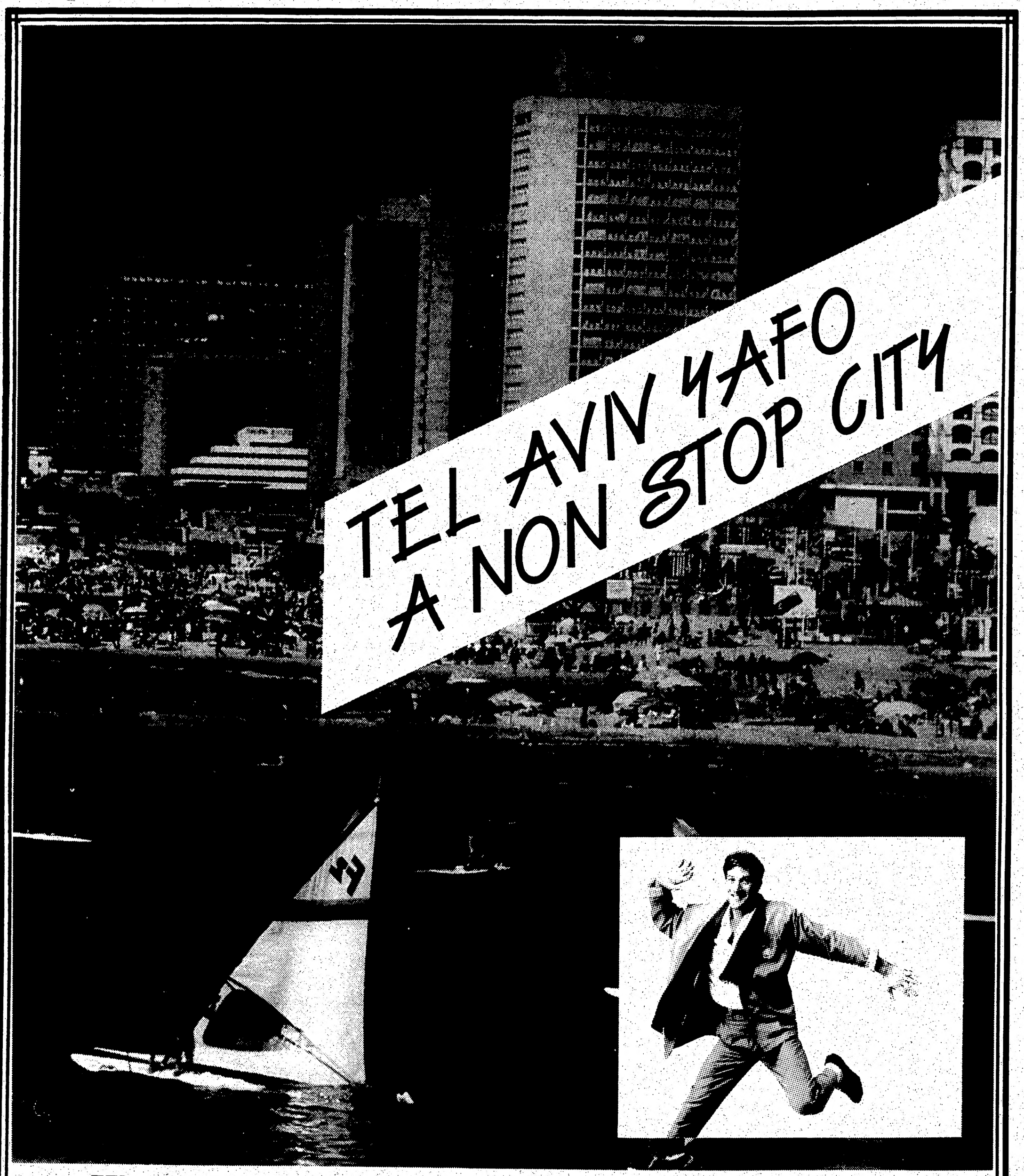

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Educators' journey includes kibbutz stay

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hard to say what had the greatest impact.

"One of the highlights was that we were there during Purim and the celebration is very different from here. It was a 3-day long holiday. We saw people in costume — young and old, children and parents. It is a visible holiday. It was like Mardi Gras with the costumes, the music and the jugglers!" she said.

From there, the tour went north to Kafar Giladi, a kibbutz hotel nestled in the panhandle of the Galilee. This was used as a base for two nights which allowed the group to visit the border. One place that stood out in Candib's mind was the trek to the Good Fence.

"Basically it is an opening between the Israeli and Lebanon border. It was originally designed to get medical aid to the Lebanese, but today it is used by the Lebanese to cross into Israel to get to work. The interaction between the two is very peaceful but this kind of place doesn't make it into the newspapers very often."

The tour members had the opportunity to talk to the kibbutzniks and find out about their daily lives. Most tours don't have the time that allows for this kind of personal contact, Candib said.

"Another experience that was particularly exciting for us was the visit we made to Bet Rutenberg in Haifa. This place is a youth workers training centre that teaches people how to work with the young," she said.

"It also gave us the chance to meet Rachel Meir who was the educational representative for the Zionist organization in Canada for the past three years. She was able to give us valuable insights concerning how life in Israel is today.

"She explained to us that she left Canada because her son had to go into the army. This is a very difficult position for a mother to be in," she said.

"She has spent her life teaching him how to love and respect others but at the same time she realizes that he will be in danger and must do everything he can to protect himself. It really gave us a chance to hear the other side."

The kind of work Bet Rutenberg does is progressive, Candib explained. For example, it has organized regular meetings in Jaffa for young Israelis and Arabs were they can discuss their feelings about the present situation in the countries.

"That is something many people don't know about. It is quite unique — an organization like this trying to bring about this type of discussion."

Next stop, Masada.

"This is quite a remarkable place — a testiment of human imagination. To think that it was all built by hand and that it is still standing 2,000 years later! On top of that, an additional highlight was the desert — it was full of flowers. Red poppies were everywhere."

The inevitable question of personal safety was not a problem for the group.

"At no point during the visit did we feel in danger — at all. You are totally unaware of those events that are reported in the news even when you're in the country. I'm not saying these things don't happen and they are tragic, but as a tourist I felt safe. If you don't go looking for news, you're not going to find it."

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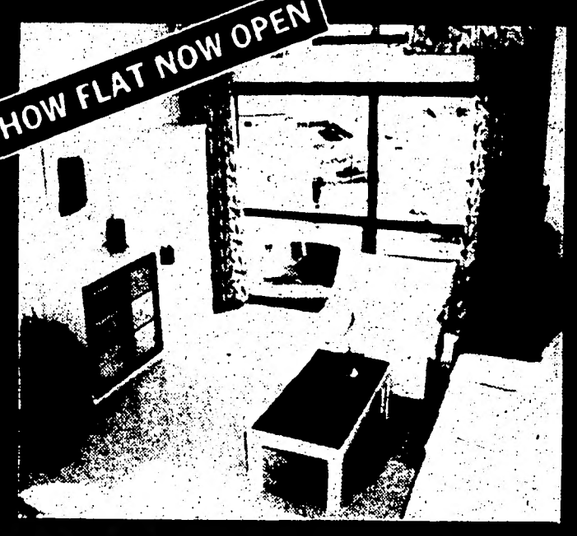

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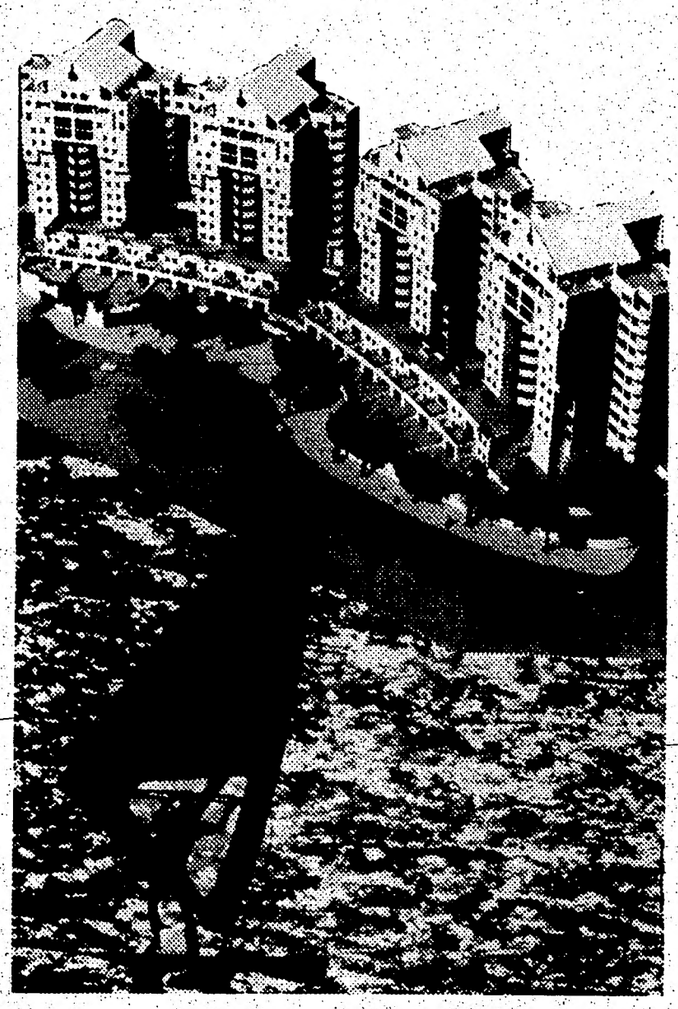

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Friday afternoon popular time

Many Tel Avivians just love their cafes

By DAVID LOUISON

The English are known by their clubs and pubs; Americans by their credit ratings; and Frenchmen by the age of their mistresses. In Tel Aviv, the choice of a Friday afternoon cafe is the best giveaway to identity.

Some cafes cater to what might be thought of as an intellectual crowd, others to the Beautiful People, others to the city's burghers. Some exist as places where friends can meet at week's end to talk in a relaxed atmosphere. Others are meet markets, where men shop for women and vice versa.

An Englishman dare not wear any school tie other than his own. And although a Tel Avivian knows he may change ties, it is dangerous to change too often — you might not belong anywhere. To a Tel Avivian, not belonging is the deadliest of sins.

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Kassit, 117 Dizengoff: Where it all started. Until about three years ago, Kassit was the place where the cognoscenti congregated on Friday afternoons.

At the height of its popularity, Kassit was best (and most charitably) described as shabby. There were those who suggested that shabbiness was one of the primary qualities that attracted artists, political figures, writers, university people, film makers and composers. At times, the friendly discussions got so lively that they degenerated into not-so-friendly brawls. One or two lifelong feuds have their roots at Kassit.

Uri Avneri, the editor/publisher of the scandal-and-politics weekly magazine, Haolam Hazeh (This World) and one of the grayest (if no longer the most eminent) of the Israeli left's eminences grise, continues to hold court at Kassit. So do several of those former bohemians who are now among the city's best-known authors and artists.

But Kassit is no longer the centre of the Friday afternoon phenomenon. No one is quite certain why many of the old crowd wandered away. Perhaps because cafes and pubs have sprung up in other parts of the city. Perhaps because, since its renovation, Kassit is not quite as shabby as it once was.

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Tamar, 59 Sheinkin: An old-time cafe, Tamar has three major claims to fame. It is even more shabby than Kassit was during its heyday; it charges half a shenkel more for coffee than nearly any other cafe in the city; and it is presided over by Sara, the owner, a surrogate mother to the regulars.

At one large table sits a collection of university people. Most come from humanities and social science departments. They enjoy the malicious speculation as to why the "hard" scientists do not come out Fridays. Political discussions are inevitable, but other topics among these primarily 30 to 40-year-old sociologists, historians and philosophers centre around flat-hunting — and why so many of them remain single.

At other tables sit the theatre people, musicians, journalists and artists, the representatives of Tel Aviv's bohemia. One table is for members of the radical left. No one leaves before making plans for the evening's parties, most of which start at midnight or 1 a.m.

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Zegil, 223 Dizengoff: The choice of many artists, journalists and other media people, Zegil is where the 9 o'clock news people sit inbetween 9 o'clocks.

The atmosphere is best described as genteel poverty. The furnishings are not old enough to be antique, nor new or expensive enough to be chic. As compensation, the service is slow, sometimes surly. All this seems to give the clientele enormous pleasure.

Politics play an important role in discussions, second only to complaints. Journalists complain about editors; directors complain about producers; television staffers complain about budget limitations. Nearly everyone is bitter about how underpaid they are.

The exchange of gossip is a favorite pastime, flirtations the order of any day. A favored activity is the starting and spreading of rumors, especially those related to the sexual imbroglios of colleagues.

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Bonanza, 2 Trumpeldor: When the original Kassit crowd split up, many found their way here. Well-known poet Yebi has a table, as do several publishing, entertainment and show-business people.

The best known non-couple in-residence are the perpetually feuding Dahn Ben-Amotz and Amos Kenan, both senior members of Tel Aviv's bohemia. They exchange de rigueur insults, have an occasional screaming match and enjoy themselves thoroughly. The feud is sincere, but after all these years one cannot wonder whether it is pain or pleasure they gain from its continuation.

The capacity crowd is a mixed one and vulgarity is not frequently thought to be an appropriate mode of behavior. A respected newspaper editor once reflected, with some disgust, on the collection of "potbellied would-be satyrs" in attendance.

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Kum Kum, Yarkon park: Not long after finishing their salads at Alexander's, the Beautiful People move en masse to Kum-Kum, currently considered the most in-spot in town for those who consider themselves well-to-do.

It may not be the Tavern On The Green, but it is a pleasant comfortable spot. By 5 p.m. the place is packed. Those not previously known should not expect a seat.

Discussions seem to centre on which French wines are available in town, specifications of the latest model autos, critiques of the newest boutiques and the various merits of the more exclusive — or at least expensive — shops.

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Olympia, 41 Carlebach: On Friday afternoons, this pretentious but always reliable Balkan-style restaurant assumes the appearance of an old boys' club. Everyone in this all-male, Friday afternoon congregation knows everybody else.

Newspaper publishers and senior editors hold forth here, as do cabinet ministers and influential public relations and advertising men. Big money is represented and nearly everyone considers himself "important." In most cases, they're right.

Under the guise of "talking with the guys," a good deal of socializing goes on; but so does the wheeling and dealing. Everyone seems eminently civilized, but if there are principles operating they are those of old-fashioned, cutthroat capitalism. It's all very friendly but no one is careless enough to leave his back exposed.

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Cafe Habimah, Habimah Theatre: With its 20-metre high ceilings and quiet classical music, Cafe Habimah is probably the ideal Friday afternoon port-of-call for those who enjoy prententiousness. That the food is mediocre, the prices high and service careless seems to have no negative impact on regulars, many of whom charge it all to business accounts.

Generals nod to Knesset members who in turn nod to anyone astute enough to recognize them. The nouveau riches take pride in being near the old rich, and the few journalists here are fortunate enough to be on expense accounts. It is also the mating ground for the haute bourgeoisie of the city.

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Tel Aviv Haktana, Hayarkon Street near the old Tel Aviv port: Normally a not inexpensive restaurant, Tel Aviv Hakatana (Little Tel Aviv) becomes a singles bar on Friday afternoons. A stronghold of chauvinism, status symbols are BMW's or VW Polo convertibles.

Everyone knows who. Calvin Klein, Giorgio Armani and Gucci are. Nearly all have been to London in the last six months, and Paiget brings to mind Swiss watches, not cognitive psychologists.

In a throwback to the Stone Age of male/female relations, men are expected to be heros and women are supposed to be kittens. At any rate everybody is here to make it with somebody, and games range from out-and-out vulgar propositions to more subtle flirtations. Not a soul would dare admit that the expensive car parked out front really belongs to Daddy.

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Exodus, 108 Jabotinsky: Once described as a home for old roues, Exodus is populated on Friday afternoon by men over 65 and women under 50. The men, many of whom speak German or Polish, eat goulash soup and seem lost in reveries of long-ago peccadilloes. They quietly ogle the young women who wander past, but are too far dignified to say anything to them.

They do not ogle the bleached-blonde women seated at other tables, many accompanied by men 20 or more years their junior. One matron speaks of her young companion as "my driver" and another refers to "my little friend."

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Mifgash Weizmann, corner of Weizmann and Yehuda Hamaccabi: This is the Friday afternoon haven for a large group of older Ashkenazis who want to eat humous but are hesitant to travel to South Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter. It's about as exotic an environment as most of these folks could tolerate

Despite the cuisine, the social atmosphere is distinctly East European. Major topics are business, grandchildren, the latest bank scandal and the problems of the Histadrut. One cannot help but feel that many of the people who sit here between 3 and 6 p.m. come primarily because they feel an obligation to be seen in public at least once a week.

Terminal, corner of Gordon and Hayarkon, near the big hotels and the sea: The open air and a excellent view of the sea make Terminal a pleasant place, except on Friday afternoons.

On Fridays, Terminal becomes the meet market par excellence. Starting at about 3 p.m., the tables are taken over by a variety of young and not so-young Israeli men, all hoping to score with one of the young tourists staying at the adjoining Gordon Hostel.

It is difficult not to catergorize these men as lower class. They seem to believe the sexual stories they have heard about Scandinavian, German and Italian women.

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Renovated dwellings in Herodian Quarter open

Visitors can take step back in history

By MICHELLE MAZEL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Visitors here now can enter the fascinating world of the period which immediately preceded the destruction of the city in the year 70 of the Common Era, for a number of renovated dwellings in what was then the Herodian Quarter are open to the public.

Located in an area situated on the eastern slopes of the hill which faces the Western Wall and the Temple Mount, they are in what is today the renovated Jewish Quarter of the Old City.

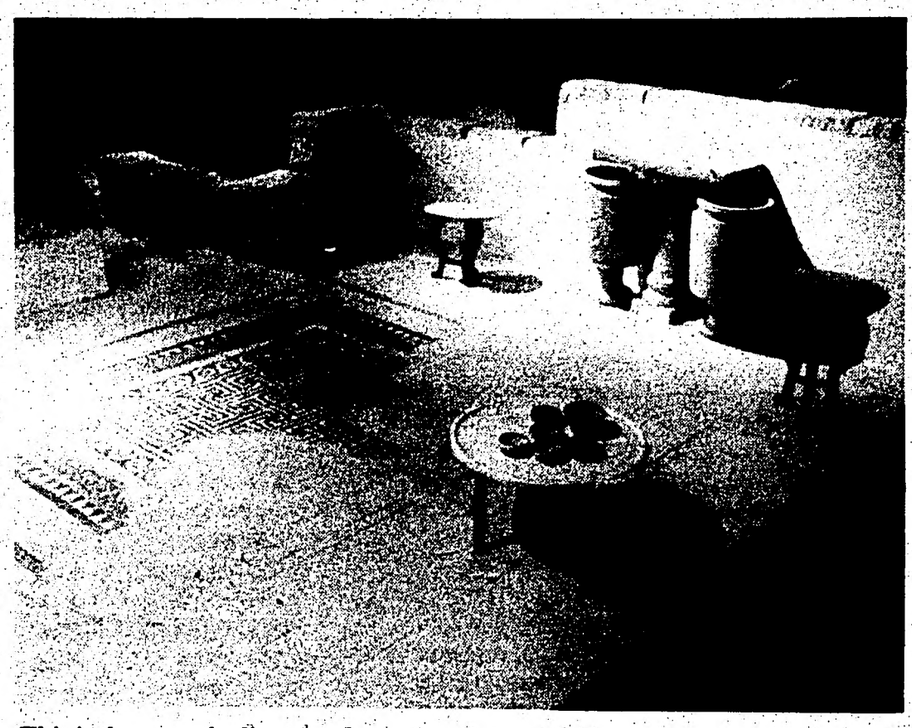
The Herodian Quarter was named after Herod the Great, who reigned from the year 37 BCE to the year 4 CE, and was the greatest builder Israel has ever known. The last great Jewish king, Herod, rebuilt the Temple, and turned his capital into one of the most impressive cities of the ancient world. Jerusalem had upwards of 150,000 inhabitants in his time, a number which was doubled by the influx of pilgrims from all over the country at the time of the three annual pilgrimages (Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot).

Well-to-do families elected to make their home away from the bustle of the city, on the hill, where there was plenty of room for construction. From the spacious windows of their handsome villas they could enjoy a spectacular view of the Temple, with the wooded summit of the Mount of Olives in the background; they could also see the crowds milling about in the lower city and its markets. For their convenience a network of monumental stairs was built to connect the upper city and the Temple Mount.

The elegant residential area and its handsome dwellings were the first to bear the brunt of the Roman attack in the year 70. When the soldiers broke through the city walls, they set fire to the houses, leaving behind a trail of devastation as they moved on towards the Temple area.

Jewish historian, Joseph Flavius who was eye witness to the events, described the fire and the devastation in great detail; but it was not until the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 that the true picture of what had happened on that terrible day began to emerge.

Because of the systematic destruction carried out in the aftermath of the War of Independence and during the 20 years of Jordanian rule, there was nothing left of the old Jewish Quarter but a mass of ruins. Following the Six Day War, whilst blueprints were being drawn up for the reconstruction of the Quarter, archaeologists were given a free hand.



This is the recently discovered remains of the living room of The House of Noble Dimensions in Jerusalem. (WZPS photo)

In 1968, they came upon the vestiges of a spacious building some 20 feet below street level bearing the marks of destruction by fire. It was soon obvious from the coins and utensils found on the site that it must have happened at the time the Romans entered the city. The blackened walls and soot-filled rooms told of the fierceness of the blaze, while the pitiful skeletons still lying where they had been overcome, told of its suddenness.

More and more vestiges of the Herodian Quarter were brought to light as work went on. In the beginning, the whole area was closed to the public; later on, as the work of renovation of the Jewish Quarter drew to an end, some of the sites were opened to visitors. The Burnt House is drawing crowds daily as is the audiovisual presentation of its history, which includes shots of the building as it was found.

Towards the end of 1987, another section, west of the Burnt House and east of the Hurva Square, was opened to the public. Its most interesting feature is the House of Noble Dimensions — in Hebrew Beit Hamidot — so called because of its split-level, 600 square meters of elegant luxury.

The first floor apartments are set around a square stone court with stairs leading down to the basement; they include a spectacular hall which may have been used for public functions.

Remains of frescoes and paintings on the walls as well as of mosaics on the floors hint at great wealth. The basement boasts several cisterns which held rain water — a must at the time, since Jerusalem had limited water resources.

Of greater interests is the number of bathing chambers found, mute testimony to the fact that here lived a devout family bent on observing ritual purification. This is hardly surprising, since from fragments of inscriptions and other clues found at the site scholars believe that Beit Hamidot was the home of a priestly family whose head officiated at the Temple.

Even in the bathing chambers remains of frescoes were found and paintings on the walls, mosaics on the floor, marble tables, benches for the convenience of the bathers, and a profusion of small objects — ivory combs, glass bottles which held forgotten fragrances and jars still retaining traces of dried up ointment.

This small, happy world of gracious living ended tragically in just one day. As Roman soldiers poured into the Herodian Quarter, flames and smoke rose from hundreds of houses; many inhabitants died in the fire; some were put to death by the Romans as they tried to escape from their burning homes. Others were found suffocated in underground passages where they had taken refuge in a vain attempt to escape the wrath of the invaders.

As to those who were "fortunate" enough to emerge unscathed, they were sold into slavery or exiled into the furthest corners of the Roman Empire. Thus began the long exile of the Jewish people.

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Summer seminar for students

NCSY is planning in-depth excursion

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

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"The registration is going well," the regional director of National Council of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) said.

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The tour will be meeting and travelling with an American counterpart. The Canadian venture will be lead by program coordinator Ralph Tammam who lived in Israel for a year. Tammam will be a valuable leader as he will be able to incorporate his expertise and share his own experiences with the group, Westreich says.

The ISS itinerary has many highlights. The package includes touring an air-force base and meeting well-known Israeli personalities. Perhaps the most impressive part of the trip will be the opportunity for the youths to experience Gadna, a 5-day, intensive pre-army program.

If they wish to forgo this privilege, the other event available is a 5-day study program, Yeshiva, that will take the youths back to their historic roots.

"For me, there have to be two main ingredients in a trip," Tammam said.

"One is that it has to be educational, and the second, there has to be a certain element of fun. I plan to add my personal programs to the trip as much as possible to make it all the more fun. So, in the evenings I might arrange for the kids to play games or simply to have a discussion."

Tammam spent his 1-year stint in Israel as a tour guide. The 24-year-old, born in Libya and raised in England, was responsible for running many of the youth tours while in Israel.

"I love working with kids. I enjoy achieving my goals and giving a lot to people."

For further information, those interested are asked to call the NCSY office at 782-4426.

A host of other tours have also been arranged through the office. The NCSY is sponsoring a Camp NCSY for Girls that will incorporate drama, music, sport and other activities while at the same time, participants will also take part in religious studies. A similar camp called Camp East for Boys is also being conducted.

Another nationally organized trip known as Yachad will allow disabled children to travel across country during the summer months.

Further details are available at the office.

Taba casino irks Eilat officials

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

EILAT — Will the construction of a casino in Taba pave the way for a similar venture in Eilat?

The question is superfluous, because Eilat already has three floating casinos with a fourth on its way.

The Royal Princess and the Sea Victory, under Israeli management, but with croupiers and dealers imported from England, have been operating for some time. More recently, an Egyptian floating casino has also lured hopefuls wanting to make a fast buck.

Yael Shoham, the spokeswoman for the Eilat municipality, is indignant that the Egyptian money-drinker is sailing in Israeli territorial waters, although Israel is not receiving any benefits whatever from the venture. But, for that matter, neither the Eilat municipality nor the Israeli government enjoy any kickbacks from the more veteran Israeli-operated floating casinos.

They, too, pay neither municipal taxes nor a percentage of the profits as an expression of appreciation for making waves in an area which technically belongs to Israel.

The Taba casino will undoubtedly be more comfortable and luxurious than those in the bay, and will presumably follow Cairo's dictim and insist that chips be sold for hard currency only. Thus, even though Israeli visitors to the Sonesta will be able to pay the hotel bill in shekels, they will have to use a more universally accepted currency at the gaming tables.

One wonders to what extent that will deplete national foreign currency reserves or whether it will give rise to a new black market enterprise in foreign currency exchange.

The floating casinos accept Israeli currency at dollar value but the stakes are much higher than those in Cairo, where the minimum bet is as low as $1. On the high seas, the rate goes up to $5, a factor which deters low-capital gamblers from roulette, blackjack, baccarat and craps in favour of the poker machines, where tokens cost the equivalent of 50 cents.

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Should casinos become legal in Israel proper, Eilat seems first in line to get them — and the King Solomon Hotel, the flagship in the Isrotel chain, the most likely venue. Rafi Sadeh, joint general manager of Isrotel, refused to comment on the likelihood of the King Solomon becoming a launching-pad for legitimate gambling, but noted that any resort area is enhanced by attractions such as casinos.

Sadeh is opposed to casinos being privately-owned and suggests they should belong to either the government or the municipality.

A few years back, Eilat Mayor Rafi Hochman prepared a comprehensive proposal for legalized gambling in which he outlined possible benefits to the national economy. The plan was then supported by Labor leader Shimon Peres, but nothing came of it.

When Peres (now finance minister) visited Eilat recently, Hochman broached the subject again and now is waiting with bated breath to see whether Peres bets on the red or on the black. Peres hinted that if the Egyptians went ahead with their plans to establish a casino in Taba, Israel would have to follow suit. The reason is simple. Once the Egyptians open their casino, Israelis will be tempted to flock to it, with foreign currency going out of the country.

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Maalot, Tarshiha form joint council

Jews and Arabs coexist peacefully in the Galilee

By
AVA CARMEL

MAALOT (WZPS) —

Suhila Dakwar is a blind Arab woman. For the past 11 years she has worked as switchboard operator of Maalot's local council. In this Upper Galilee town of 7,000 and the neighboring Arab village of Tarshiha (pop. 3,000), the disabled and elderly are well cared for and Jews and Arabs coexist in peace.

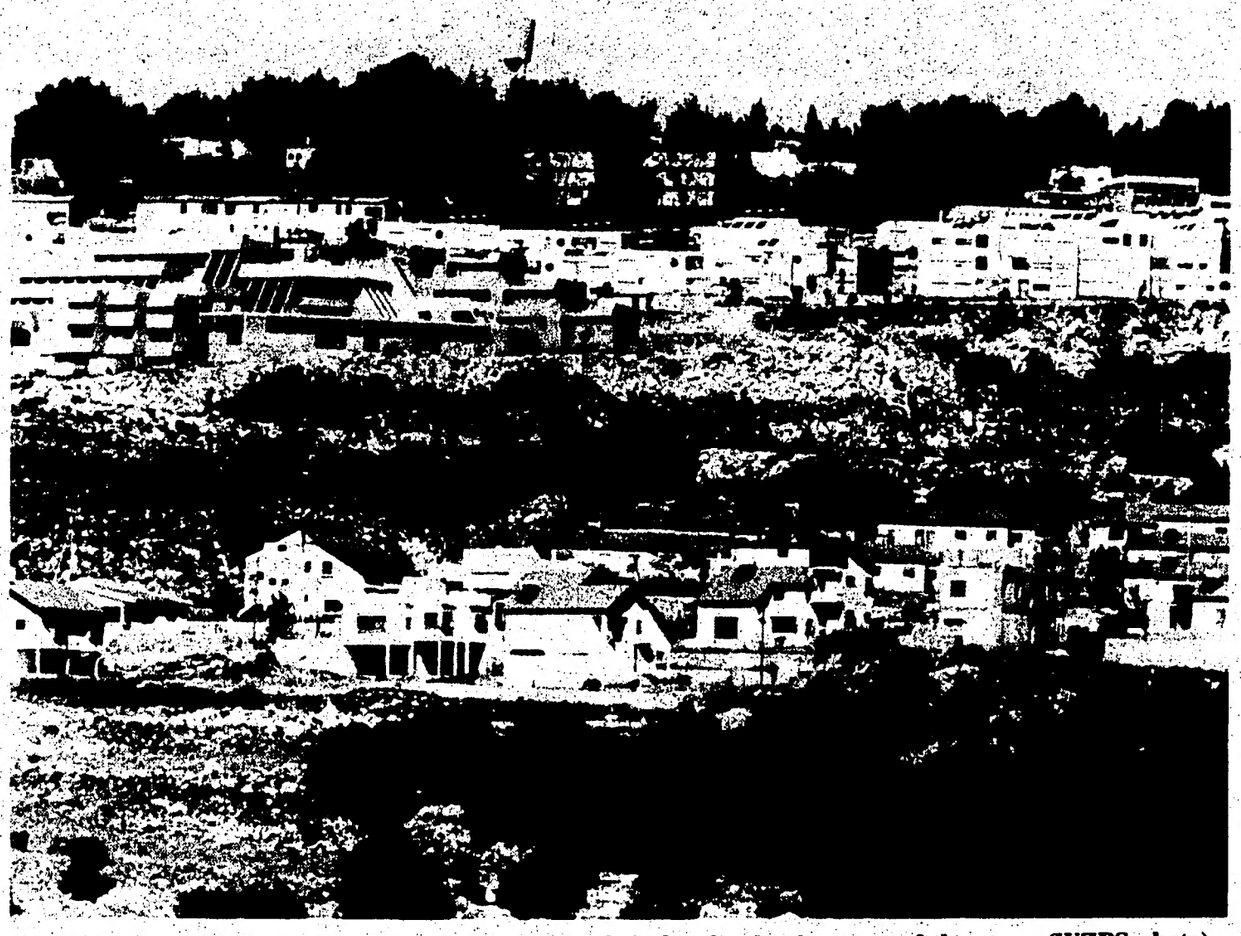
Maalot ("Heights"), is located on a ridge of mountains 600 metres above sea level. In 1963, Maalot and Tarshiha formed a joint local council, the only one of its kind in Israel. Since that time, Arabs and Jews have worked together, for the same salaries with similar benefits.

Said Mickey Nir of the local council: "The council serves both towns. Although each maintains its distinctive lifestyle, and intermarriage is discouraged, there is mutual respect and tolerance. True friendships develop, leading to much social contact."

Mayor Shlomo Buhbut says that this is precisely the reason why Maalot was singled out for a terrorist attack in 1974. Twenty-seven people, mostly children, were killed in the massacre.

"This thrust Maalot into the headlines, turning it into a macabre tourist attraction."

But it also made the government aware of the town's problems — extensive unemployment, a high percentage of welfare cases, overcrowded living conditions and general apathy. There was a high population turnover as young people, with little or no prospects, decided to leave and try their luck in the city.



Maalot, established in the 1950s, provided a nucleus for the development of the area. (WZPS photo)

Maalot had a difficult start. During the War of Independence in 1948, most of the Arabs of Tarshiha fled to Lebanon. Jewish immigrants from Romania were temporarily housed in the abandoned homes. In 1956, they were transferred to the first housing units built in Maalot, along with new immigrants from North Africa, mainly Morocco.

Although the government was anxious to settle the Galilee, which is still overwhelmingly Arab, development towns like Maalot were makeshift and never really properly planned. Unemployed immigrants were put to work for meager salaries in JNF reforestation projects. Industry was to come much later, at the insistence of the townspeople.

Said Buhbut, "Most of the development towns, which had been less than successful in the 1950's, fought their way out of that situation."

The UJA's Project Renewal, which has twinned Maalot with Pennsylvania, has worked miracles. Delapidated old apartments are being renovated for young couples and ultra-modern public buildings are scattered throughout the town, including a community centre and a 700-seat cinema. Streets are wide and clean and people are friendly. They seem to care about their town.

Much of the credit goes to Buhbut. Born in Morocco, he came to Israel as a child and grew up in Maalot. Since his election in 1976, he has vowed to make Maalot "the pearl of Galilee" and he works indefatigably to this end.

The town boasts no slums, no juvenile delinquency and virtually no crime. Bulldozing his way through bureaucracy, the charismatic mayor has a knack for getting things done.

With 75% of the population under the age of 40, education has top priority. In the early years, 90% of the kindergartens and primary school teachers were taxied in. There was no high school and students had to travel to Acre or Haifa.

Today there are five day-care centres, 16 kindergartens, three elementary schools and three secondary schools, all with local staff. The ORT comprehensive school, an architectural delight built in 1984, now has 600 students and recently won an award as the best of Israel's 120 ORT schools.

Unemployment in Maalot is less than 1%, a full 7% below the national average. While many professionals commute to nearby Nahariya, 20 kilometres to the west, 40% of the work force holds jobs in industry in Maalot itself and in the adjacent Tefen Industrial Park. Elsinct Electronics, which set up a plant in 1978, now employs over 200 people.

In 1981, Israel's first electricity-generating wind turbine was set up to provide power for the Iscar factory, which manufactures machine tools and turbine blades. Other factories include Gal Plastics, Gibor textiles and Thermophil, which produces electric cables and conductors.

Nir says that Maalot's future lies in the development of tourism. He is in charge of a project to dam the Pek'in stream, in order to produce a 12-acre artificial lake. The walls of his office are covered with maps and scale drawings.

Brimming with enthusiasm about the project, he said, "I predict that Maalot will become Galilee's major centre of tourism." He outlines plans for hotels, a motel, a marina, restaurants, a spa for alternative medicine and an artist's village."

Everywhere bulldozers are clearing land and the banging and clattering of building ring through the hills. Of the housing projects, "build-your-own-home" is the most innovative. Each family receives 600 square metres of government land with developed infrastructure and plans, and supervises the building of its own home, at half the cost of a similar home in the Tel Aviv area. The project is meant to attract new, young settlers, to work in the industrial enterprises.

Work has begun on Yafe Nof (Beautiful View), the newest of these clumps of heterogenous stucco villas. Members of the younger generation will build-their-own-homes in a pine forest planted by their immigrant parents.

Elaine (Kopp) Levitt, a former American Hadassah president and activist, immigrated in 1973, moving to Jerusalem with her two children. There she worked for the Jewish Agency and two years later moved to Maalot, to learn more about development towns.

Her job was to encourage immigration and absorption in Galilee, and one of her projects was a "trial living experience for foreign volunteers" in the development towns. With the same ideology, she now runs a private employment agency in Tefen.

She said: "It is the people that make Maalot. They really care about each and every person that comes here. We're still a long way from where we want to be, but living in a small town like this there is more chance of attaining one's goals."

Renovated Jaffa delights visitors

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Although Jaffa is one of the world's most ancient ports, it relies on more than history to attract visitors.

Old Jaffa is in many senses quite new, having been renovated in the late 60s into an attractive maze of alleyways and piazzas.

Designed as a leisure centre for adjoining Tel Aviv and its overseas visitors, Old Jaffa includes an artists' colony with shops designed for those seeking upmarket arts and crafts and clothing. These stores are open until midnight to entice the night birds who frequent Jaffa's abundance of restaurants, bars, clubs and discos.

Kedumin Square is the heart of the renovated sector of town. Visitors without much money to spend can simply wander, enjoying the newly laid parks and palm trees and the view of Tel Aviv's Mediterranean coastline to the north.

Jaffa's cosmopolitan history is reflected in the stores and restaurants that can be found in its ancient alleyways.

The shops sell the wares of local artists and craftsmen whose styles range from traditional Jewish — both Eastern European and Middle Eastern — to contemporary Western creations with both Jewish and universal themes.

There are also clothing stores, many of them selling leather goods and garments with a special Middle Eastern flavor. Bargain hunters might also want to visit Jaffa's famous flea market, though this is not open at night.

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Members of the Jerusalem Rugby Club are seen in action at a practice session. (WZPS photo)

Wide range of athletics

Immigrants bring sports to nation

By
DANNY BEN-TAL

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Sports-loving immigrants from English-speaking countries often arrive in Israel with more than mere memories of their favorite sport — they bring with them rugby boots, hockey sticks, baseball gloves, cricket bats and plenty of enthusiasm to transplant their pastimes to the Holy Land.

Rugby, for example, had never seriously been played in the country, until 1970 when a group of South African immigrants studying at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, got together to organize an impromptu rugby game against some friends from Tel Aviv University. Together with a number of South Africans living on Kibbutz Yizre'el and other expatriates studying at Haifa's Technion, they formed the national rugby league.

Midway through that initial season, Alvin Hoffman, who had played in the northern Transvaal league until his aliyah in 1963, joined the club. Now, at 48, the powerhouse forward is still enthusiastically chasing every ball.

"What I love about Israeli rugby is the variety of backgrounds of the players." The current Jerusalem squad includes English, Scottish, Welsh, French, Dutch, Argentinian, American, Canadian, South African and Israeli players."

Now in it's 18th season, the Jerusalem Rugby Club, which plays under the auspices of the Hebrew University, has become an integral part of the city's Anglo-Saxon community.

In order to introduce a new sport to Israel you need equipment and facilities — then you find the players. That means money. That means sponsorship.

Randy Kahn, an enterprising Texan whose great love in life is baseball, understood that point well. In August 1986, the newly arrived immigrant flew to the National Sporting Goods Convention in New York, and from there to 30 other U.S, cities, raising money, team sponsorship and acquiring equipment.

Returning to Israel some months later, he formed the officially-recognized Israel Association of Baseball, and by the following summer 14 teams took part in the first Israeli version of a Little League, based in the Tel Aviv cosmopolitan area.

A handful of kids had in fact been playing regular pick-up games in Jerusalem's Sacker Park for a number of years, but it was only when Kahn arranged for Mayor Teddy Kollek to throw out the first ball for a 1986 junior baseball game between two local sides in front of American TV cameras and a large audience of expatriate Americans, that people took the idea seriously.

Now 170 eight-to-15 year olds, a third of whom are native Israelis and 25% of whom are girls, compete in the 12-team Jerusalem Little League. Many are the offsrping of veteran settlers from the U.S.; others saw the game for the first time while living in absorption centres. Ethiopian kids appear particularly enthusiastic.

"There's enough skill and enthusiasm out there to take an Israeli baseball team to the World Cup by the year 2000," he said.

Senior softball has been going for a decade now in Israel. Seven teams formed the Jerusalem division last season (one of three leagues now operating in the country) and the game is flourishing. There's even a regular women's game every Friday afternoon at Jerusalem's Sacker Park.

"We're starting to reap the benefits of having a junior league feeding us players," said Bert Faudem, manager (and pitcher) of Focus, one of the capital's top teams. "But we're desperately short of funds to build a proper diamond and purchase new equipment."

As the echo of the first cuckoo of spring fades into the distance, cricket, probably the most incongruous of all sports played in the Middle East, begins its season.

The British, inevitably, were the first ones to introduce the game to the Holy Land, and during the British mandate of Palestine the troops billeted in Jerusalem regularly partook in its subtle pleasures. The game kept going until the early 60s.

Then in 1967, in the wake of the Six Day War, a flood of immigrants reached our shores, including the late Ben Abrams of Bombay, who together with his 10 sons formed a complete team. Since those days, Israeli cricket has continued to thrive, although not surprisingly it has never quite entered the mainstream of local sporting culture.

Nowadays Israel has 13 teams, with about 85% of the country's 200 or so cricketers being of Indian origin. The Jerusalem Cricket Club was rejuvenated last summer following a decade of "lounging in the beer tent," with national team captain Stanley Pearlman (a fine all-rounder) at the helm. Games are played under the shadow of the Knesset in the Hebrew University's Givat Ram stadium.

This year, the national team will again face Great Britain, South Africa, India and present champions Australia (ICSA), and a group of fervent Zionist British cricketers, many of whom are members of London's Harrow Cricket Club.

Field Hockey was a popular sport in pre-State days, when mandatory personnel rubbed sticks with English members of the Yishuv. The local game flourished for a number of years with the inaugural hockey tournament being held at the 1951 Maccabiah. Within a few short years, however, the game fell into decline.

Revived and reintroduced into the Maccabiah during the late 70s, numbers have again dwindled and there doesn't appear to be a great deal of enthusiasm. The Jerusalem club, which had ceased functioning over the past few seasons, now is under the helmsmanship of the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel manager Jeremy Frankel, playing every Saturday against Tel Aviv-based opposition at the Wingate Institute near Netanya. Sadly the ladies team, once the best in the land, failed to react to attempts to resuscitate it.

Half-a-dozen bowling clubs already exist in the country, serving the sporting and social needs of nearly 1,000 members, to whom English is most definitely the lingua franca.

With the financial help of Kollek's Jerusalem Foundation, the capital's own club should be ready to open its doors in time for July's Maccabiah.

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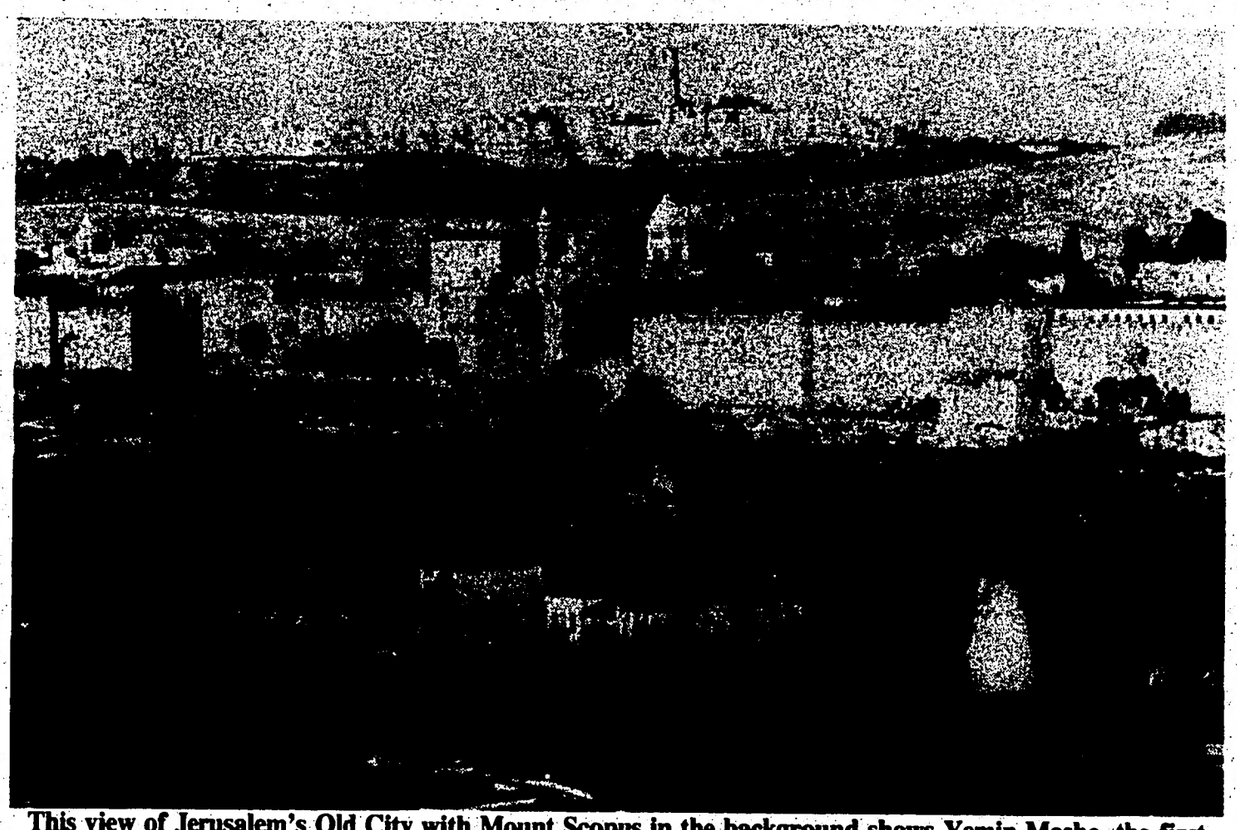
Both Jews and non-Jews feel the magnetism

Eternal City gives the ordinary an extra dimension

By
DVORA WAYSMAN



This view of Jerusalem's Old City with Mount Scopus in the background shows Yemin Moshe, the first settlement to be built outside the walls of David's city, in the foreground. (WZPS photo)

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Today I arose early and took a few minutes to look at the pearly dawn through my bedroom window. Later I went to the corner store and bought fresh bread for breakfast, before I went to work. All trivial, mundane things? Yes, but there is a difference, for I was doing them in Jerusalem.

No matter what ordinary events shape my day, the fact that they are happening in the Eternal City somehow endows them with an extra dimension. Jerusalem was given the aforementioned name because it has been the eternal city of the Jewish people since the days of King David and his son Solomon, who built the First Temple here.

Generation after generation continues to pray: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand lose its cunning!" Devout Jews the world over turn towards this city three times a day in prayer, as the focus of their longing.

Five thousand years ago, a group of settlers chose to make their homes on the steep ridge called the Ophel, south of today's Old City. Two thousand years later David captured it from the Jebusites, and by bringing the Holy Ark here, he established forever its sanctity for the Jewish people.

The history of Jerusalem spans 4,000 years. In 2,000 BCE, Abraham offered his son Isaac for a sacrifice on Mount Moriah. A thousand years later, David captured the city and in 961-922 BCE, Solomon constructed the First Temple.

In 537 BCE, the Jews returned from Babylon where they had been exiled by Nebuchadnezzar, and in 517 BCE, the Second Temple was completed. But after that, the Greeks took the city under Alexander the Great. Antiochus ruled, desecrating the Temple, then the Maccabees liberated the city. In 63 BCE, Pompey captured it and for 33 years Herod reconstructed the Second Temple.

But its history continued to be a story of conquest and destruction by an endless chain of occupiers lusting for this precious jewel: the Romans, the Greeks, the Crusaders, the Egyptian Mamelukes, the Ottoman Empire, the British under the Mandate, the Jordanians — an endless succession of nations who wanted to rule this battle-worn city that possesses no material riches — no gold nor precious metals, no minerals, no oil, nothing to enrich their coffers. So what does it possess?

I don't know the answer but in 1907, H. Cohen in his Religiose Postulate put forward the idea that they had no choice: "All nations without exception, must go up with the Jews towards Jerusalem."

Smolenskin prior to that, in 1882, wrote in Nekam Brith, a prophecy about its conquerors: "This shall be our revenge: we shall quicken what they will kill and raise what they will fell . . . This is the banner of vengeance which we shall set up, and its name is - Jerusalem."

Jews and gentiles alike have always felt this magnetism towards the Holy City. It is written in Midrash Tehillim 91:7 that "Praying in Jerusalem is like praying before the Throne of Glory, for the gate of heaven is there."

Every Jew who prays at the Western Wall feels an unusual closeness to God because it is believed that His holy presence has never departed from the site of the former Temple. Stampfer, in his book entitled, "Jerusalem has many faces" (1950) expressed it poetically:

"I have seen a city chiseled out of moonlight,
Its buildings beautiful as silver foothills,
While universes shimmered in its corners."

There are many enchanting cities in the world and I have visited a great number — Venice, Avignon, Bruges, Hong Kong, Paris — all have a magic that transforms the senses. Yet there is something extra in Jerusalem that I am at a loss to define.

It is a beautiful city, but there are those that exceed it; it is dignified, ancient, historic — all adjectives that can be applied to other cities. Jerusalem, however, is an emotion, a state of mind even more than a place. It arouses dormant passions. It nurtures the soul. It is spritual and inspiring.

To call it home for the past 18 years is, for me, an enormous privilege. I am always aware of the history under my feet.

And so, I pay homage to the Maccabees, to those who withstood the Crusaders and Saladin and the Ottomans.

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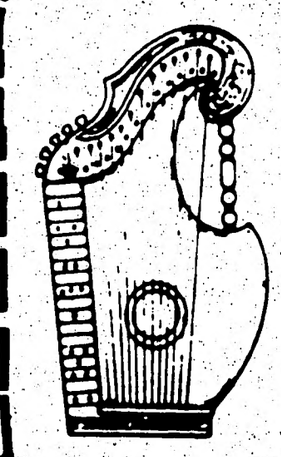

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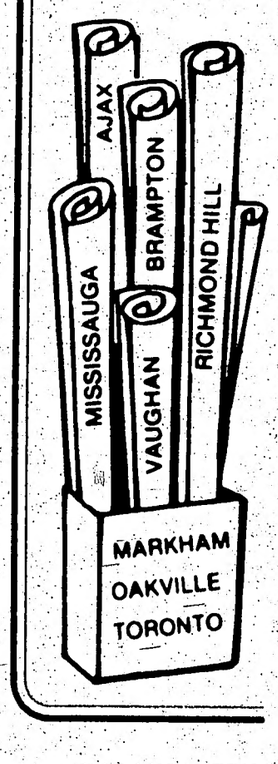

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These volunteers take part in an archeological dig which is just one of the major tourist attractions. (WZPS photo)

Strategic move for protection

Israeli companies stress competition

By
ELMER W. WINTER

TEL AVIV —
One of the most popular expressions in Israeli industry today is, "We are restructuring our company." Israeli companies understand the importance of being competitive, particularly as Europe moves to create one single market without internal borders.

High paying jobs

Koor Industries recently designed a restructuring recovery plan. It is reported that, by the time the plan is completed, Koor may be half its current size and about 10,000 of its 31,000 employees will be dismissed. As a result of recent layoffs, Israel's unemployment rate has increased to 7.6%. Approximately 35,000 Israelis have been unemployed for six days or more.

Substantial cuts will also be made in the public sector work force. The Governor of the Bank of Israel says 10,000 government employees will be terminated during the next four years.

As a result of the increasing number of layoffs, Israel is losing some of her best and brightest engineers and scientists, who are accepting jobs abroad. There is a great need for additional high paying jobs to be created in Israel to cut off the serious brain drain. Israel needs 50,000 meaningful jobs to provide income opportunities for those who live in Israel, and also to attract aliyah from various parts of the world.

Where will these additional jobs come from? Here is my forecast:

1) Israeli companies will expand their operations now that they have an opportunity to increase their profitability as a result of the recent 13% devaluation. If the government can keep inflation under 10% per annum, there is a possibility of eliminating the linkage between wages and the cost of living. This would make Israel more competitive in global markets.

2) More American companies will open facilities in Israel to take advantage of Israel's Free Trade Agreement with the U.S. and Israel's duty-free arrangement with the members of the European Economic Community.

3) Additional U.S. science-based companies will open facilities in Israel, following the example of such American firms as Intel, National Semiconductor and Motorola, to tap in on Israel's high quality engineers and scientists. These companies and many others are developing state-of-the-art high-tech products in Israel.

4) An increasing number of American companies will open research and development facilities in Israel with help from the Bi-National Research and Development Fund (BIRD-F). Under this plan, American companies can buy research in Israel at a cost of 25 cents on the dollar. Their funds will be matched by an Israeli company. The Foundation puts up 50% of the cost of the research. This will provide new employment opportunities for Israeli engineers and scientists.

5) The Free Trade Agreement between the U.S. and Israel will encourage Israeli companies to sell products to the U.S. government as well as to American importers.

6) The U.S. government will use more facilities in Israel for repair and storage of military equipment. Haifa is already a major port of call for the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Israel is also participating in the U.S. Strategic Initiative (Star Wars) program.

7) Israel is opening up new markets in the Far East. While Israel does not have formal relations with China, the People's Republic appears willing to maintain economic and cultural relations with Israel. China does not adhere to the Arab boycott.

8) Israel will find new markets now that it has re-established relations with Kenya, Zaire, Liberia, the Ivory Coast and other African countries. A number of Israeli companies have won construction contracts in Africa. Business has soared almost to pre-1973 levels.

9) Israel is expanding business relations with some Iron Curtain countries, which could provide substantial export opportunities.

As Israel moves toward a free economy, many current government restrictions will be removed. Israel will become more competitive and exports will increase. As exports increase, there is every reason to expect that job opportunities will expand in Israel during the year ahead.

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The Khan celebrates 20th anniversary

Jerusalem theatre has long and colorful history

By
SANDRA COHEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The Turks established it as an inn; the Templers from Germany transformed it into a beer cellar, then the British came along and turned it into an ammunition dump. When the British left, it became a carpentry shop.

Today, the Khan (Turkish for inn), is a theatre which this year celebrates its 20th anniversary. This Jerusalem landmark has given birth to a fresh dimension of cultural entertainment, staging classics by Ibsen, Chekhov and Moliere, as well as original productions by Israelis such as Shai Agnon and Amos Oz.

In 1967, theatre director Philip Diskin approached Mayor Teddy Kollek with the idea of opening a theatre. With the unification of Jerusalem, the Khan, until then close to the Israel-Jordan border, was suddenly seen as an ideal location.

The Jerusalem mayor was enthusiastic. A board of directors was nominated by the Jerusalem municipality, renovation began, and with a subsidy from the Jerusalem Foundation and the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Khan was in business.

The Khan is a theatre like no other. Its novel character begins at the arched entrance of an enchanting courtyard where one can't help but be drawn back to a different time, a time long ago when merchants with their wares came in search of a room for the night. The dome-shaped, 300-seat, dimly lit theatre is singular in its cave-like ambience and its original stone structure captivating in its authenticity.

The Khan Theater, once a former Turkish inn, this year celebrates its 20th anniversary. (WZPS photo)

The first row of chairs almost hugs the stage. Such proximity to the actors and their faces, expressions and movements spurs an intimacy stimulating total audience involvement in the production. The stage itself is small, and the low ceiling poses yet another problem of lighting; however it is the two on-stage original pillars (supporting the ceiling) which present the major difficulty.

In addition, whereas conventional theatres normally have four stage entrances, the Khan has only one, ultimately challenging the improvisational skills of the set designer. Artistic director Amit Gazit meets all these hurdles with relish.

"After all, limitations are the beginnings of the creative process."

With its company of 13 actors, the Khan has mounted 80 productions to date.

"Our aim is to establish creative theatre in Jerusalem and to give young actors and playwrights, indeed to all those involved in the creative process of theatre, a chance," Gazit said.

Reflecting on the early years of theatre in Israel, he notes that while the 1920s, 30s and 40s were influenced mainly by the classics, following the birth of the State of Israel, subject matter was lifted from the daily life of the period.

What we are witnessing today is the fourth generation of Israeli playwrights who have been increasing the percentage of original plays from 10% to between 30-50%. And it is rising constantly. Those performed at the Khan have been Deep Water by Hillel Mitelpunkt, Tehila by Shai Agnon, A Night in May by A. B. Yehoshua, and Yanti Parazi by Eldad Ziv.

Gazit is quick to emphasize that original works were initially treated unfavorably. They were considered strange, not to be taken seriously. Today, he says, they are successful, all done in a style of naturalistic drama.

Gazit was resident director for two years at the Beer Sheva theatre, worked in both the Habima and Haifa Theatres and spent several years in theatre in London before becoming artistic director of the Khan almost two years ago. In depicting the aims and direction of the Khan and his role in the dynamics of theatre, Gazit emerges as a man driven by a sense of purpose, ardently ambitious to the challenge of maximum creativity.

Questions put to him spark spirited responses, at once erudite and unreserved.

"You ask what determined a good play. I don't hold any miracle formula. Of course it has to be well written, dramatic. It has to have something to say, a strong message, sometimes hidden behind symbols — even a joke. Basically, a good play is written out of a need. The playwright suffers, and reacts to his pain."

With stark disdain, he added, "What freedom can a playwright possibly have when there is censorship? Censorship is an attack on my freedom."

On the one hand, he says, he will not disregard the law, as he is maintained by public funds, but on the other hand, he will not hesitate to choose plays which have an element of the rebel, the individual struggling for liberty.

"Who are we? What is happening to us? These questions need to be asked." For Gazit, drama acts as his vehicle in confronting these powerful, profound questions. "We don't have the answers. We're just asking the right questions."

Pained by what he sees as the fraying of the moral fabric of society, Gazit expounds on the violence, the disrespect; what he views as the ravaging of the foundations of a modern, liberal culture. Democracy is in danger, he says.

"I see the plays we select as a source of light, a tower of light on all that we hold sacred. And the goal, of course, is candid, unremitting communication with our audience. They are presented with a moral choice, and if in the process they are also entertained, then for me, it is nothing less than a catharsis."

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Great-grandson's ceremony stirs fond memories

Sharp family gathers at Masada for bar mitzvah

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ner until midnight.

"But we still had plenty of energy left to dance and sing."

He organized a kvitah — a co-op group of 10 young men who became builders at Hadar Carmel, the first Jewish settlement in Haifa. He recalls that the times were turbulent and persecution of Jews was a daily occurrence.

In 1925, he followed his brother, Louis, who had married and moved to Toronto. Two years later, Sharp married the love of his life, Lil (Lena) Godfrey, the 17-year-old sister of Louis' wife.

"I wanted to marry her from the first time I saw her. Some guy who had $10,000 was after her while I had to borrow a dollar for carfare."

But as he has done so many times in his life, he persisted and was successful.

His mother and father, three brothers and a sister had found their way to Israel before World War II. During his eventful trip for Jeremy's bar mitzvah, Sharp had many emotional moments. He visited his father's grave on the Mount of Olives, where he recited kaddish as he did for his two sisters and other family members, who perished in the Holocaust.

Four generations of Sharp clan gathered at Masada for Jeremy Creed's bar mitzvah. They are (left to right): grandfather Eddie Creed, father Jack Creed, Jeremy and great-grandfather Max Sharp.

And while in Israel, he celebrated his 87th birthday with his only surviving brother, Nathan, who turned 90. They were presented with a special double birthday cake at the bar mitzvah celebration.

Although Sharp cannot remember how many times he and his wife have been to Israel — more than twice a year since 1950 and commuting frequently while they were building the 130-room Four Seasons condo/hotel in Natanya which was started 38 days after the Six Day War in 1967 — he says that his recent arrival in Israel was "overwhelming." Some 30 Israeli relatives welcomed their Canadian family with large banners reading, Welcome Sharps and Creeds.

The only drop of rain, he says regretfully, is that "Mrs. Sharp (as he always refers to his wife) was not well enough to come to Israel."

He is quick to give credit to his wife for creating a loving and devoted family.

"Mrs. Sharp raised the Sharp clan. She is responsible for making Friday night dinners for the entire family for 50 years. In our family, no one ever made any plans on a Friday night or on the yom tovim."

A devoted worker for Israel, Mrs. Sharp was active in Pioneer Women, Hadassah and many other fundraising activities. With a deep interest in youth and Israel, among the many charitable causes the Sharps support including State of Israel Bonds, Hebrew University, Tel Hashomer Hospital, Technion and Weizmann Institute, they are particularly pleased that the Max and Lena Sharp Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to numerous students who go to study in Israel.

Active memers of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation since 1938, the Sharps have also endowed a special fund at the synagogue for students to study in Israel.

"I recommend to everyone, visit Israel. It is especially important now — more than ever before, they need tourism," said the former contractor.

He expresses his deep gratitude that his grandchildren chose to celebrate Jeremy's bar mitzvah in Israel.

"I followed my father's tradition and we are grateful that our children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren are following the Sharp tradition in their support of our beloved State of Israel."

He says he is proud that this year, his son, Issy, who recently received the Hotelier of the World award, presented annually by Hotels & Restaurants International, a U.S. trade publication, will be the honoree at Toronto's Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner.

Max Sharp, the man who came to Canada with empty pockets and a shattered family, speaks humbly when he thanks G-d for the many blessings he has in his life. Jeremy's bar mitzvah was the fulfilment of his lifelong devotion to Israel and his deep commitment to family.

"Israel has given me so much and I'm so glad that I and my family can give something back."

Club adjacent to hotel

Caesarean golf course is simply above par

By
AVI HYMAN

CAESAREA, Israel — For those who think that Israel is a destination only for touring ruins and historical sites, Caesarea is a perfect place of contrasts.

Located on the Mediterranean coast between Tel Aviv and Haifa, Caesarea was Caesar Augustus' capital 2,000 years ago, until the sand under his city gave out and the place washed into the sea. Today, it is the scene of some of the best preserved tourist ruins in the country, with thousands filing into the area every year.

But on either side of the Caesarean ruins are two symbols of modern Israel — a huge industrial plant with its spectacular nocturnal light show, and the Dan Caesarea Hotel, one of Israel's 5-star beauties.

Besides its size, amenities and beautiful manicured grounds, the hotel's truly unique attraction is the adjacent Caesarea Gold Club, 18 holes of championship golf. It's unique because it's Israel's only golf course.

Being the only course in Israel, the club has become a status symbol, attracting many prominent Israeli businessmen and politicians. It's also a haven for non-Israelis. Many foreign diplomats and foreigners on business who are addicted to golf make multiple-hour trips a few times a week to play.

It's quite a change of pace from Jerusalem, particularly when the capital is freezing and the coast is basking in a relatively warm sun.

The course itself has no water obstacles, but the heavy floral growth on the grounds does provide challenges of its own. The course also differs from Canadian courses in that it is built on soft rather than hard earth, producing a completely different action on the ball.

There is a law in Caesarea that unearthed Roman ruins must be maintained, and on the Gold course this law has been strictly adhered to, so that all relics of the Roman period are integral parts of the course.

The course is rated at 70.7 for men (72.1 championship) and 72.0 for women.

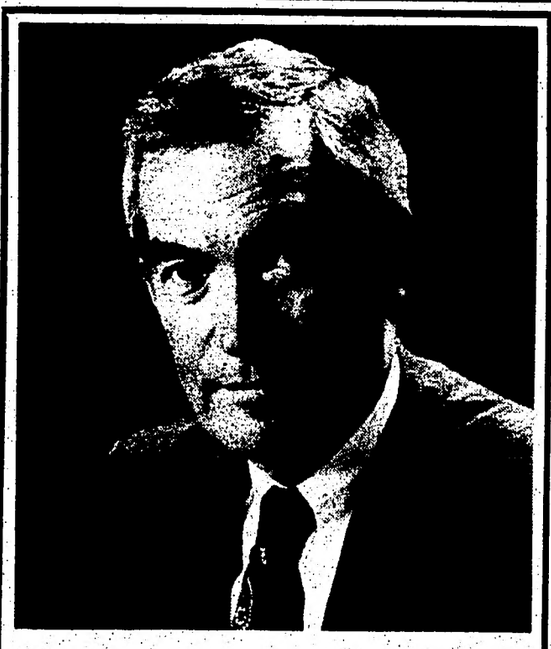
On the front nine, the 9th hole, a 435 metre par 5, provides the most enjoyment, with a long, thundering fairway which invites the golfer to really open up hard on the ball. This hole reaches out and says "hit the ball as hard and as long as you can," and with generous leeway on width, every golfer does.

But as you approach the green, the hole sweeps up the hill to force the golfer back to earth and once again focus on accuracy, helped along by bunkers on each side.

As for esthetics, the 9th green is beautifully placed, adjacent to the clubhouse, and rivalled in landscaping layout only by the 18th hole's approach.

The 11th is a challenging hole that descends into a valley. The green itself is actually hidden until you are right on it by a clump of trees on the left hand side, making the golfer go all the way down its 370 metres, par 4.

When you have finished golfing for the day (green fees, club rentals and electric cart can run around U.S. $60), Caesarea offers water sports, horseback riding and tennis, plus a number of evening entertainment hotspots.



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